

Ash Adams - Speed Mentor

Photojournalist | Ash Adams

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Ash Adams is a photojournalist and documentary photographer based in Anchorage, Alaska who works primarily for national and international media. Adams' work has been featured in The New York Times, The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, ESPN, Rolling Stone, GEO, Stern, Aljazeera America, and other national and international publications. Adams is a recipient of a National Geographic Society grant for an extensive project in 2018, a 2018 VSCO Voices grantee, and was named one of Time's 51 Instagram photographers to follow in 2016.

Deborah Bonito - Speed Mentor

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Deborah is the President of two retail gift operations in Anchorage. Since 1992, she has been the majority shareholder of The Sourdough Mercantile, Inc, which operates a consortium of 4 shop spaces at the Ted Stevens International Airport, including AK&CO Gourmet Market, The Alaska Mercantile, Moosetique and Mosquito Books. The company employees 40+ people and works with over 90 Alaska small businesses. Deborah co-owns The Kobuk Coffee Company Corporation (Anchorage's beloved gift emporium and historic landmark on Town Square Park) with her sister Nina. Deborah graduated from Bartlett High School and Claremont McKenna College. She currently serves on the Neighborworks Alaska Board.

Jill Burke - Speed Mentor

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A veteran journalist, Jill rejoined KTUU in 2018 after a nearly nine-year hiatus spent working as a staff writer and columnist for Alaska Dispatch News and most recently, a year of freelancing. She enjoys digging deep into stories. Her reporting and writing have won numerous awards, including an Edward R. Murrow Award, an SPJ Sigma Delta Chi Award, two First Amendment Awards from the Alaska Press Club, and a Best of the West Breaking News award.

Cindy Burrill - Speed Mentor

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Cindy Burrill works closely with the Director/CEO of the Anchorage Museum to further strategic projects and initiatives, and to facilitate governance functions of the board of directors. Burrill works with broad host of stakeholders and serves in a key logistics role, facilitating the participation in museum programs by people from Anchorage, throughout Alaska, and around the world. Burrill holds Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Lindenwood University and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Creative Writing from Southern New Hampshire University.

Dolly Bush - Speed Mentor

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Helen currently serves as the Calista Corporation Tax Director. She graduated with an accounting degree and later obtained CPA license. Helen has experience with non-profits, for-profits, ANCs, IRS tax audits, DCAA audits and most recently Alaska Settlement Trust activity.

Bruce Bustamante - Speed Mentor

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Bruce has worked as a senior executive in the tourism industry with an extensive background in leading an organization with a focus on sales, marketing and community relations. He has worked with two large companies and led a very successful Destination Marketing Organization as their President & CEO and is now President & CEO of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

Cynthia Cacy - Speed Mentor

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Cynthia, P.E., was born and raised in Anchorage Alaska and enjoys being in Alaska because of the skiing, climbing, mountains, and long summer days. After graduating high school from Service, she achieved a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Cynthia is currently the Principal, Corrosion Control Engineering, at Coffman Engineers, where, in addition to engineering, she manages an awesome group of over 20 professionals that provide corrosion control support throughout Alaska.

Laura Cameron - Speed Mentor

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Laura grew up traveling overseas and moved to Alaska and graduated from the University of Alaska, Anchorage with an MBA. She is the co-owner of Dipper Donuts and Project Coordinator for O&G company, Captivate Energy Alaska. Laura believes that world affairs brings greater understanding, perspective and problem-solving to our community. These are essential when going after your dreams.

Dakota Chastain - Speed Mentor

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Dakota is in his 5th year working for BP Alaska. He is now focusing on the commercial efforts around progressing the Alaska LNG project. He has spent the past four year as an analyst handling BP's region forecasting for capital investment and operating costs across our north slope assets. Born and raised in Alaska, Dakota graduated West High in 2011. He has a Bachelors of science in Finance and Analytics from the University of Denver and is in the middle of completing his CFA certification. His hobbies include skiing, mountain biking, running his Airbnb, and fishing (mainly out of Seward).

Dorothy Colegrove - Speed Mentor

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Dorothy graduated with a BS in Chemistry from Kennesaw State University. She worked as a Chemist in Chemical Manufacturing, FDA-regulated Biologicals, and Pharma/Vaccines before her O&G career started in Prudhoe Bay. During Dorothy's 10+ year oilfield career, she's worked in two different labs and transitioned her career into pipeline regulatory compliance. She worked as a contractor in pipeline regulatory compliance for BP Alaska before moving to ConocoPhillips as a Chemist for the Kuparuk Laboratory. At the Kuparuk Lab, she oversaw

analysis of oil, water, and gas from across the north slope. She recently accepted an internal transfer from the Kuparuk Lab to the DOT Pipelines group effective April 2019 where she will return to her career in regulatory compliance.

Robert Doehl - Speed Mentor

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Robert is the new Director of the Municipality of Anchorage Development Services Department. In this role, he oversees a staff of 70 responsible for issuing building permits, inspecting buildings under construction, approving subdivision plans and enforcing municipal land use ordinances. For the last four years, he served as Deputy Commissioner for the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. Robert has three decades of military experience, retiring from the Alaska Air National Guard as a colonel in 2012. After leaving active military duty, he went to law school. As a trial attorney, he represented the United States in complex aviation and maritime matters and various mishaps involving civilian and military aircraft. As special assistant to a United States Senator, he developed recommendations for legislation to address military and homeland security requirements in Alaska. He holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Linguistics from Lawrence University

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William is the Municipal Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage. From July 2015 through October 2017, he served as Anchorage's Municipal Attorney. He was previously a partner in the law firm of Sedor Wendlandt, Evans and Filippi. In private practice, William represented clients before the Alaska Superior Court, the Alaska Supreme Court, the Federal District Court of Alaska, and in several administrative forums. Previously, he served as BLM's Deputy Chief of Staff and clerked for Chief Justice Alexander O. Bryner of the Alaska Supreme Court. William is a graduate of Yale Law School, Stanford University (B.S., Physics, with Minors in History and Political Science) and A.J. Dimond High School.

Lise Falskow - Speed Mentor

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Lise Falskow is the President & CEO of Alaska World Affairs Council. She was born and raised in Alaska and holds a degree in Economics and Accounting from Claremont McKenna College. She worked in Seattle, Switzerland, and Norway, before returning to Alaska. As a dual Norwegian and US Citizen, her interest in world cultures has taken her to many exciting places, including her return to Anchorage, Alaska where she is also the Norwegian Honorary Consul for Alaska.

James Fredrick - Speed Mentor

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James works for the Anchorage Concerts Association, Alaska's largest non-profit performing arts presenter. In his role as Community Engagement Director, he oversees all fundraising efforts as well as artist and community activities outside of the traditional theatre experience. Since the age of 14, he's never worked outside of the music and performance world. James currently serves on the board of directors for Cyrano's Theatre Company and the Arctic Bicycle

Club. Originally from Ohio, James is a long-suffering Cleveland sports fan. In his free time, he rides bikes in a “Type II Fun” kind of way, attends non-work-related concerts and shows, and works hard to both earn and burn Alaska Airlines miles with his wife Nicole.

Anthony Gasbarro - Speed Mentor & Keynote

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Anthony Gasbarro is an Extension Forestry Specialist, currently working for the University of Alaska. He has international experience in Latin America with the UN and Peace Corps.

Heather Handyside - Speed Mentor

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Heather Handyside is vice president of corporate communications at GCI and is responsible for making sure that Alaskans know about GCI’s infrastructure projects, community investments, policy positions and products. Heather has focused on communications throughout her career in the corporate, public and non-profit sectors. Heather has local and federal government experience, serving as emergency manager for the Municipality of Anchorage, as Anchorage’s deputy municipal manager and as press secretary to former Senator Mark Begich.

David Hannon - Speed Mentor

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David is a Financial Adviser dealing with the protection, accumulation and distribution of assets. He is an Ambassador with The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and was the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year for 2017. David is a Board Member of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association and a member of the Executive Sponsorship Committee for the American Heart Association. David graduated the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 2003 with BA in Economics. David has traveled extensively internationally especially in the SE Asian region surrounding Singapore where he went to school for 7 years.

Julie Hasquet - Speed Mentor

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Julie has been working in communications in Alaska for more than three decades. A graduate of San Diego State University, she moved to the 49th state in 1986, to work as a television news reporter and anchor. After 17 years in broadcast journalism, she became communications director for Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, and followed him to the U.S. Senate where she was his press secretary for nearly four years. She has also worked in public affairs for BP Alaska, and is now the lead communicator at one of Alaska's largest electric utilities. Julie believes good communication, solid writing and speaking skills, are key to success in any job.

Jason Hodges - Speed Mentor

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Jason is a lifelong Alaskan who has worked primarily in the nonprofit sector. Early in his working career, he was able to meld his passion for music and theatre with a career in nonprofit management. He's spent the last 14 years bringing artists to Alaska to entertain and inspire Alaskans. When not working, he is an avid hiker, photographer, and RVer. Jason attended

college at Santa Clara University in California and graduated with a major in English and a theatre minor, proving to his mother that you can have a useful career with an English degree.

Glenn Johnmeyer - Speed Mentor

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Glen was a US Army fixed wing pilot during Vietnam. His has worked as a certified flight instructor, cloud seeder, crop duster, corporate/charter Learjet pilot, and as an airline pilot for Evergreen, Air Cal, American, and UPS. Glenn is currently retired and flying his own small aircraft around the state of Alaska.

Katie Johnson - Speed Mentor

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Katie was born and raised in Anchorage Alaska. After a brief stint teaching she pursued an engineering degree. She has been working in oil and gas design/project management for the last 10 years. Katie enjoys helping her clients solve problems and seeing the solutions implemented.

Matt Jones - Speed Mentor

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After graduating from Service High School, Matt left Alaska to attend the University of Washington and then later Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law. After earning an expensive law degree Matt decide to forego a law practice and instead to open a brewery and a several restaurants in Alaska. When he's not working, he enjoys skiing, climbing and hiking in Alaska and wherever there are mountains.

Ben Kellie - Speed Mentor

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Ben is the owner of The Launch Company which designs and operates launch sites for rocket companies around the United States, including here in Alaska on Kodiak Island. The Launch Co. also designs and sells custom fueling hardware for rockets right here in Alaska, shipping them around the US. Previously, Ben owned K2 Dronotics which flew drones around remote Alaska to help with mapping, inspections, and other work.

Zeynep Kilic - Speed Mentor

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Dr. KILIÇ was born and raised in Turkey. After completing her Bachelors degree in economics, she moved to the U.S. to pursue graduate school. She completed her Masters and Doctorate degrees at Arizona State University in sociology. A Fulbright U.S. scholar grant, she wrote, produced and directed the documentary "Tables of Istanbul" on food, identity and culture in Istanbul, Turkey. After its premiere in April 2016, "Tables of Istanbul" has been screened at 20 film festivals in 10 countries. It has received 9 awards and recognitions, and was broadcast by Michigan's PBS station (WKAR). This project has been supported through grants by the Turkish Cultural Foundation (TCF), an UAA Innovate award as well as Institute of Turkish Studies sabbatical grant and Fulbright.

Leila Kimbrell - Speed Mentor

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Leila Kimbrell currently serves as the State Director for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, the first Alaskan-born Senator and the sixth U.S. Senator to serve Alaska. Prior to this role, Leila practiced law in Anchorage, Alaska. Her practice included advising local government, state and public entities and Alaska Native Corporation clients. She previously worked for Senator Murkowski in Washington, D.C., as a policy advisor handling budget and appropriations, small business, finance and banking, labor and pensions, and telecommunications issues. Leila received a B.A. in Justice with a minor in Political Science from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and went on to receive her law degree from Willamette University College of Law. She was born and raised on the Kenai Peninsula, where her family homesteaded in 1959.

Travis King Weaver - Speed Mentor

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Travis received an undergraduate degree in Physics and Biology from a small liberal arts school in Indiana, after which he spent 5 years working as a pilot in Botswana and Alaska. Travis' work as a medevac pilot and his background in biology inspired him to consider a career in medicine so he attended medical school at the University of Iowa and then matched into family medicine residency in Anchorage. Travis plans to continue working as a family medicine doctor in Anchorage after he graduates next year.

Glen Klinkhart - Speed Mentor

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Born in Anchorage, Glen was a police detective for seventeen years. He has worked hundreds of murder cases. He is one of the most successful detectives in Alaska and has been featured on ABC's 10/10, CNN/TIME and Dateline NBC. He is an experienced lecturer on Internet safety, cybercrime, homicide investigation and overcoming adversity.

David Knapp - Speed Mentor

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David Knapp has 30 years of Energy related experience in various finance roles covering hydrocarbon trading and marketing, upstream operations, alternative energies and construction/engineering covering North America, the Middle East, Western Europe, and Asia. David has been in his current role serving as BP Alaska's Head of Control for the past two and half years.

Joe Kotarski - Speed Mentor

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Joe is a seasoned energy professional with over 25 years of experience in strategy, commercial transactions, consulting, financial analysis and leveraged buyouts, including 12 years overseas in Asia, Australia and the Middle East.

Sonia Laughland - Speed Mentor

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Sonia Laughland was born in Russia and lived in Canada before moving to the US, where she graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arizona. After graduation, Sonia moved to Houston and started her job with ExxonMobil US Production doing air permitting and compliance work in TX and WY. With her Russian background, Sonia was transferred to the ExxonMobil Development Company after a few years and started supporting a project based in Russia; this assignment allowed her to speak Russian at work and frequently travel aboard. Last year Sonia moved to Anchorage to start supporting the Point Thomson Project on the North Slope.

Lt Col Derek Loveland - Speed Mentor

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Major Derek Loveland is the Campaign Planner for the Alaska Command. Loveland joined the Idaho Army National Guard at 17, and then graduated from Idaho State University with a B.A. in German (2002) and the National Defense Intelligence College with an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence (2011). He began active service in 2002 as a Field Artillery officer, eventually becoming an Army Strategist in 2007. He was then deployed to Iraq from 2004-2005 working primarily as a contracting officer on various civil works projects. Then he was deployed to Afghanistan from 2007-2008 providing indirect fire support to military operations.

Wendy Lindskog - Speed Mentor

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Wendy is an accomplished executive with 30 years of communications and public relations experience. She has extensive knowledge and expertise in public and government affairs, leadership, philanthropy and strategic planning. She joined BP in 2017 to lead the team responsible for government affairs, stakeholder engagement, communications, community programs and investment. Prior to joining BP, she was the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Board Secretary for the Alaska Railroad Corporation. Early in her career Wendy served as Director of Communications for the Alaska State Senate and was part owner in a small publishing business.

George Martinez - Speed Mentor

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George Martinez is the Special Assistant to Mayor Ethan Berkowitz. Formerly he was a Cultural Envoy for the U.S. Department of State and a civil society member of the UN's Alliance of Civilizations.

Karen Matthias - Speed Mentor

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Karen Matthias was a Canadian diplomat, who worked in Ottawa, Moscow, and Chişinău before coming to Alaska as Canadian Consul in 2004. She left the foreign service after marrying an Alaskan and starting the immigration process. In 2010, she opened a consulting company, working in transportation, natural resources, and government. She became Canada's Honorary Consul in Alaska in 2013 after the Canadian Consulate was closed.

Scott McMurren - Speed Mentor

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Scott is a 30-year veteran of the Alaska travel industry. His job encourages people to travel more: around Alaska and around the world. Travel is the first leg of diplomacy--it's how many people first make friends with others who speak, eat and think differently. At the Alaska Travelgram (an email travel newsletter), the job is to alert travelers to the best deals on tickets and adventures. At the Alaska TourSaver, the mission is to offer discounts to adventurers who want to see more of Alaska. Additionally, Scott writes a weekly travel column in the Anchorage Daily News.

Lt Col Tyler Moore - Speed Mentor

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Lieutenant Colonel Tyler Moore is the Homeland Defense Planner, Headquarters, Alaskan NORAD Region and Alaskan Command for the United State Marine Corps. Moore is a 23 year Marine Corps Infantry Officer with 5 deployments. He has a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from Virginia Military Institute and a Master's Degree in Regional Security Studies from Naval Postgraduate School. Moore is a local Alaskan; he was born in Fairbanks and graduated from Wasilla High School.

KJ Mushovic - Speed Mentor

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KJ has thirty years of civil service experience with natural resource agencies in Alaska. He has worked in environmental education and external affairs, which focused on explaining the mission to the general public and youth audiences.

Rick Mystrom - Speed Mentor

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Rick is the former Mayor of Anchorage, Former Small Business Person of the Year for Alaska, one of America's Top 3 Small Business People, Chairman of America's bid for the Winter Olympics, author of three books, founder of BridgeBuilders of Anchorage, founder of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Anchorage, founding Director of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, and president of many non-profit organizations. As a fun aside, Rick set the Alaska State Master's Track and Field record for the 100 meter dash for men over 40 (which was the third fastest in the country at the time and hasn't been broken for 35 years.)

Frank Nosek - Speed Mentor

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Frank is admitted to the Bar in California, District of Columbia, and Alaska. He has been in practice for 50 years. Frank is a member of Phi Alpha Delta law community & American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Frank has practiced Transaction Law, both domestic and international. Frank has been the Honorary Consul General of Czech Republic for the past 20 years.

William (Eddie P.) Parker - Speed Mentor

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Longtime Alaskan, Eddie P. contributes to the media world in various ways. Currently the Creator and Executive Producer of the popular local statewide TV Program, “The Venue Music Television FROM Alaska.” “The Venue” features national artists and local talent hosted by Conway Seavey and JW Frye. “The Venue” airs on KTUU Channel 2 Saturday nights right after Saturday Night Live. Eddie P. is also on air at 102.1 Classic hits of The 80's and more. Eddie P. is Fur Rendezvous 2019 Lord Trapper and 2018 Best TV Personality (Press Picks) Eddie P sits on several boards inclusive of America's Promise, GAI, and Bye Bye Bullies. Events hosted by Eddie P. for the past 20 years and more are Live After 5, Miss Alaska USA and Miss Alaska Teen USA Pageant, Alaska DOT Earn and Learn program. Eddie P. loves being an Alaskan community member, and believes that we should all be our reality, be THAT Alaskan contributor.

Holly Parsons - Speed Mentor

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Holly has over 30 years experience in business development, strategy, marketing, advertising and branding. Industries that she has worked in include broadcasting, telecommunications, insurance and healthcare. Currently, Holly works at Alaska Regional Hospital as Business Development Director, where she works primarily with the commercial insurance market. She has a BA with a double major in Journalism/Broadcasting and Communication from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and a MBA from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Holly is a past president of the American Marketing Association Alaska Chapter, during which time they received the prestigious award of Turn It Up Chapter of the Year 2014-2015. Currently, she is on the national Professional Chapters Council where she mentors chapter leaders from around the country and is co-chairing their annual national Leadership Summit 2019.

Larry Persily - Speed Mentor

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Larry Persily Is a 40-year Alaska resident, with 25 years as a news reporter and editor and weekly newspaper owner, 10 years as a state official, and the past 4 years five years as federal coordinator for an Alaska gas line project and, most recently, chief of staff to the Kenai Peninsula Borough mayor. While with the state, Persily served as deputy commissioner at the Department of Revenue and, later, as a legislative aide to the House Finance Committee co-chair. He has been active in reporting on and trying to solve the state's fiscal problems in his various roles over the years.

Caroline Peterson - Speed Mentor

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Caroline is currently employed by ConocoPhillips Alaska where she has worked for over 4 years in the Supply Chain organization supporting and managing ConocoPhillips Alaska's Operations and Maintenance labor contracts. Before her current role, from 2012-2015 she worked in ConocoPhillips' headquarters in Houston, TX working as a Category Analyst, providing direct analytical support for the development and management of ConocoPhillips global Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Supply Chain strategies. Caroline has also worked as a Buyer in the ConocoPhillips Leveraged Service Center located in Bartlesville, OK from 2010 – 2012. She has served as a mentor in the Supply Chain mentoring program, co-led the Early Supply Chain Network, and was an ambassador in the Junior Achievement Program. She holds a Bachelor

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William Posanka - Speed Mentor

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Bill has been a pilot for FedEx Express for the last twelve years. Before FedEx he was a US Air Force officer and pilot based in California. In that job Bill flew air refueling tankers around the world. Currently he flies international freight between Asia and the US as well as Europe and the US. Bill and his family moved to Anchorage two years ago after living in Bonn, Germany for five years. While in Germany he flew FedEx packages to cities all over Europe.

CDR Patrick Prag - Speed Mentor

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A career Intelligence Officer, CDR Prag currently serves as the Chief of Analysis for Alaskan Command responsible for the production and oversight of all analytical and intelligence support to the ALCOM Commander and Staff. He has served throughout the world both ashore and at sea in a variety of jobs to include targeting, human resources, aviation and strategic intelligence, and as an intelligence instructor.

Bradley Pizzamenti _ Speed Mentor and Keynote Panel

Software Engineer

I currently development software in the emerging virtual reality market. I attended the Sorbonne in Paris studying international relations and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa for two years building computer labs and teaching computer science.

Jackie Purcell - Speed Mentor

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Jackie grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1979, then attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington in 1983. Jackie obtained a degree in Communications and a minor in Political Science. Radio was her first professional job, branching into television in 1986 and becoming a full-time TV professional in 1990.

Suzanne Rebich - Speed Mentor

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Suzanne Rebich is a pilot for Ravn Alaska flying the Dash 8 all over the State of Alaska. She grew up in California and always wanted to fly airplanes. Suzanne studied hard in high school while working to obtain her private pilot rating. She moved to Alaska at the age of 18 to pursue an education from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and a career in aviation. She finished all of her flight ratings while simultaneously completing a Bachelor in Air Traffic Control and an Associate Degree in Aviation Management from UAA. Suzanne enjoys sharing her love of aviation with others through flight instruction and her small business, Dignity Aviation, where she rents her Cessna 150 aircraft at cost to aspiring pilots looking to build flight time. She has worked both in management and on the flight line at Ravn Alaska and is currently captain of their Dash 8 aircraft.

Larry Rivers - Speed Mentor

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Larry was invited into the USSR during the Soviet days to assist in development of hard currency tourism, the import of Western goods, and the development of a Western Style newspaper. After the fall of communism his work expanded across Russia from the Russian Far East to Siberia, and as far east as Moscow and St.Petersburg, where he still maintains a presence. Tourism took Larry into the Central Asian countries of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Kirgizia, as well as Ukraine, Belarus, Poland, the Baltics, and south into Namibia, Africa. In Alaska, Larry worked for 30 years as a professional hunting guide in the Brooks Range and in the Aleutian Islands.

Jennifer Rose - Speed Mentor

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Jennifer is a Senior Public Affairs Specialist for the ConocoPhillips Alaska business unit. She has worked in Community Investment for over ten years in Alaska. Jennifer is professional, creative and skilled in project coordination, clear correspondence, budget management, and designing and implementing company campaigns to build strong community connections and employee education. Jennifer manages all community investment payments for the Alaska business unit, evaluates grant requests from non-profit organizations to ensure compliance with ConocoPhillips Alaska's External Affairs and company goals / strategies. Jennifer also manages reporting for all community investments.

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Raul is a retired Army officer with 10 years serving overseas in South Korea, Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany Iraq, Italy, Afghanistan, and Egypt. Raul's most significant assignment was as diplomatic officer in Cairo, Egypt as the executive officer to the general officer during the 2013 Egyptian revolution. Raul speaks native Spanish, professional English, conversational Italian and basic Hungarian. He holds a Master of Science in Administration, a Master of Distance Education, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, and is a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. Raul is owner and consultant of Rovira Business Services LLC. The company business services include; relocation consulting, project management, Lean Six Sigma, and business development.

Paul Rusch - Speed Mentor

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Paul has a Finance degree from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from the University of Colorado. He has worked for ConocoPhillips for 31 years in various finance, accounting, and management roles. This includes positions in various locations in the U.S. as well as around the world. International work locations include Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Algeria.

Erin Sage - Speed Mentor

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Erin hails from St. Peters, Missouri, and joined ExxonMobil in 2010. She was initially assigned to the Safety, Security, Health, and Environmental (SSH&E) organization in Houston, TX

supporting deep-water and Gulf of Mexico projects with ExxonMobil Development Company. In 2012 Erin joined the ExxonMobil Alaska team to support the construction of the Point Thomson Project. During her time in Alaska, Erin has served as the Operations Integrity Management System (OIMS) Advisor, Project Controls Lead overseeing cost and schedule, and currently serves as the Risk Advisor for Point Thomson Operations. Erin graduated from the University of Missouri – Rolla with a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Mark Schimscheimer - Speed Mentor

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Mark's background includes 25 all-Alaskan years of varied professional experience that ranges in employment from both small (3 person) and large (multi-national) engineering consulting firms, international projects, small and large general contractors, to local and state government, and an occasional political candidate and local official. During his career he has managed well over a billion dollars of public infrastructure and economic development projects including several with significant legal and financial aspects. Mark has managed civil litigation efforts in excess of \$150 million and individual bond transactions over \$100 million. During the course of his career he has dealt with public officials at all levels of government from Federal Cabinet Secretaries, Governors and Legislators, to local Mayors and Assembly Members. And lastly, Mark has been an on-and-off real estate developer and has worked closely with the economic development community at both a statewide and local level.

Robert Sheldon - Speed Mentor

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Through his company Arctic Infrastructure, Robert Sheldon facilitates infrastructure and operating business development across the high latitudes from Alaska to mainland Scandinavia through allocating capital, structuring finance and championing economic development for both private and public organizations. A lifelong Alaskan, Robert earned a B.S. in Finance and a minor in Economics from Colorado State University.

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Hugh is the Co-Founder and CEO for Pt Capital, an Alaska-based private equity firm with assets in North America and Europe. Hugh has leads the portfolio construction, organizational growth, fundraising, and expansion into new markets. Prior to co-founding Pt Capital, Hugh was president and CEO of Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, Inc., a subsidiary of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Hugh also served as the mayor of Bethel, Alaska from 2002 to 2004, and is a board member for Rural Energy Enterprises. Hugh is a shareholder of four Alaska Native Corporations, with heritage as an Inupiaq Eskimo. Short received a bachelor's in political science from the University of Alaska Anchorage; and studied at the Pepperdine Graziadio School of Business.

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Judge Smith began her legal career as a public defender in Anchorage. She also served as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice in Anchorage, Boston and Washington, D.C. for 24 years. She was appointed to the federal bench in 2007.

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Laura was born and raised in Minnesota before attending the United States Air Force Academy. In 2011, she graduated from USAFA with a Bachelors in Science for Political Science and commissioned in the US Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. She has served as an Intelligence Officer at Scott Air Force Base and JBER, deployed twice, and received a Masters in Arts for Intelligence Studies from American Military University in 2016. In April 2019, she will finish her career in the Air Force and start her new career as a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch in Anchorage.

Sam Thompson - Speed Mentor

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Sam has spent the past 8 years working in public accounting after moving to Alaska from Oregon after graduating college. He serves on the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association and the Alaska Down Syndrome Network Boards of Directors.

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Ethan is the Director of Corporate Affairs for Cook Inlet Region, Inc (CIRI), and Alaska Native Corporation. Ethan is an avid outdoorsman and has an extensive background in Alaska Tourism, marketing, public relations, and business development. He has been building and growing relationships throughout the state and beyond since 2000, and he continues to engage with community and business leaders around Alaska. Ethan was named Top 40 Under 40 by the Alaska Journal of Commerce in 2014. When not on the job, Ethan can be found surfing the Turnagain Arm Bore Tide, or ski instructing at Alyeska Resort.

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Demetria has been a State of Alaska employee for 15 years, the last 9 years have been with the Department of Labor. She is the Manager of the Midtown and Muldoon Job Centers. Demetria

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Dr. Daniel Volland - Speed Mentor

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Daniel is the Owner-Optometrist of Ursa Optical in downtown Anchorage. He also provides eye care to remote Alaskan communities, most of which are not accessible by the road system. He arrives by bush plane, boat, or snow machine to set up portable eye clinics in local schools, community centers, Native Corporation buildings, or just about anywhere that will have him, in an effort to help all Alaskans have access to quality eye care. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Board of the Arctic Encounter Symposium, the largest Arctic policy convening in the United States.

Agent William Walton - Speed Mentor

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William oversees the Cyber and Counterintelligence squads at the FBI's Anchorage Division, he joined the FBI in 2008. Prior to coming to Alaska in 2014, William was stationed at the FBI's Headquarters in Washington DC, the Washington Field Office and the Seattle Field Office. Before joining the FBI, he served as a Russian linguist in the United States Air Force.

John Weddleton - Speed Mentor

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John started out as an economist but got sidetracked when he decided to help a friend run his comic shop for a couple months until he found a real job. That was 32 years ago. He gave up looking for a real job. John is also soon to start a second term on the Anchorage Assembly.

Joseph Weinberger - Speed Mentor

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Joseph started flying when he was in High school. He graduated Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1985 and joined the Air Force flying F-15's and AT-38's. Joseph left active duty as Chief of Air Sovereignty Operations for North America and liaison to the Department of Justice Anti Terrorist Task Force. He was hired by FEDEX in 2001 and is currently a Captain assigned to the MD-11, flying mainly International routes. In his spare time Joseph stays active flying small airplanes around Alaska.

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Julie Wrigley grew up in Portland, Oregon and studied at Willamette University College of Law, graduating in 1999. During her career as a lawyer she worked in private practice Fairbanks and in then Anchorage as a Business, Real Estate and Estate Planning attorney. After discovering her favorite part of being a lawyer was educating her clients about the law and their options she changed career paths and now is a Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage.

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Jin Yeong Chi is originally from South Korea but has been living in Anchorage for almost 8 years. She graduated from the University of Alaska, Anchorage with B.A. in Economics and a minor in Accounting. She works for BDO as Assurance Senior Associate and she is a Certified Public Accountant. She provides financial statements audit services to various clients such as municipal governments, healthcare industry, Alaska native corporations, and not-for-profit organizations. She gets to travel to many exciting places for her job and is very happy to talk about it.