

SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL CEO OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2019

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

4 pm to 7 pm at National University | 11255 N Torrey Pines Rd, La Jolla

The San Diego Business Journal's CEO of the Year Awards are just around the corner. One of the year's premier networking events, the reception is set for Wednesday, June 19, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at National University, 11255 N. Torrey Pines Road in La Jolla.

In addition to CEO of the Year, awards will be presented in the following categories: Rising Star, Nonprofit Organization, Business Nonprofit, Privately Held Company, Public Company and Family-Owned Business.

Two Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented. Jane Finley of the Kaiser Foundation

Health Plan & Hospitals will receive honors in the corporate nonprofit category. The Rev. Joe Carroll of Father Joe's Villages will receive honors in the community service category.

The evening will include a special, 30 minute discussion on cybersecurity moderated by retired Rear Adm. Ken Slaght, former commander of SPAWAR and current chairman and president of the Cyber Center of Excellence. Joining him will be two cybersecurity experts from the FBI, John Caruthers and Peter Casey, as well as Chris Simpson, academic director of the cybersecurity program at National University.

The FBI will offer an overview of the threat landscape. Panelists will then discuss the cybersecurity sector's economic impact and workforce.

Catering will be by The French Gourmet with cocktails from Snake Oil Cocktail Co.

More information on the presenters and the CEO finalists are on the following pages.

Sponsors for the CEO of the Year Awards are HomeStreet Bank, Lockton Insurance Brokers LLC, Moss Adams LLP and National University.

For tickets, go to sdbj.com/ceo2019 or call (858) 277-6359.

2019 Judges



Dino D'Auria

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SVP, Regional President Commercial Lending, HomeStreet Bank

Dino D'Auria is senior vice president and San Diego regional president of HomeStreet Bank. After graduating from Cal State Fullerton, he worked with a local real estate developer and learned all aspects of real estate development. He got his MBA in corporate finance from the University of Southern California and joined Wells Fargo's Real Estate Industries group. D'Auria joined the Commercial Banking team in San Diego and has been helping local privately held companies grow ever since.



Christina de Vaca

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CEO, Corporate Directors Forum

Christina de Vaca is the CEO at the Corporate Directors Forum (CDF) and has been in this role since May 2017. Before joining CDF de Vaca served as the Director of Corporate Relations and Business Development for the Graduate School of Business at the University of San Diego. She is engaged in a variety of efforts to improve governance practices throughout the San Diego community. Christina has a Bachelor of Business Studies degree from Dallas Baptist University and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine.



Chris Graham

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President of National Workforce Solutions, National University System

In his new role, Chris Graham oversees the System's educational partnerships, prior learning pathways, and provides education and scholarship opportunities to corporate and community members. He has overseen all aspects of alumni relations, public relations, career services, government relations, and corporate and community involvement for the National University System. His expertise in business development, sponsorship programs, and education initiatives have strengthened the System's network of over 150,000 alumni. Graham holds an MBA and B.A. from San Diego State University.



Rita Steel

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President of West & Southwestern Operation, Robert Half

Rita Steel is the President of West and Southwestern United States operations for professional staffing services at Robert Half, the world's first and largest specialized staffing firm. In this role, she is responsible for the operations of four specialized staffing divisions including Accountemps, OfficeTeam, Robert Half Finance & Accounting and Robert Half Management Resources encompassing nearly 100 offices and 1,500 employees. Steel graduated from Rutgers University in New Jersey with a degree in Economics and Accounting.

2019 Cyber Panel



Chris Simpson

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Academic Director of Cybersecurity Programs, National University System

Chris Simpson is the Academic Director of cybersecurity programs at National University, which is one of just six designated centers in California and the first and only in San Diego to be recognized by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. Chris brings extensive military experience to his cybersecurity instruction, as about half of the cybersecurity students at National University are current or former military personnel.



Kenneth Slaght

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Chair & President, San Diego Cyber Center Of Excellence

RADM Kenneth D. Slaght, USN (ret.) is the Chair and President of the San Diego Cyber Center Of Excellence (CCOE), a non-profit established to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness and synergy of the regional cyber initiative, capitalizing on our unique strengths to accelerate the regional economy by creating opportunities for business, attracting and nurturing talent. Previously, Slaght served as the Vice President and General Manager, Navy/Marine Corps Services Sector, General Dynamics Information Technology, responsible for providing IT services to the Navy and Marine Corps

Pete Casey

Special Agent, FBI

Pete Casey has been investigating computer crimes and national security cyber matters since 2014. Casey entered on duty with the FBI in 2002. Following graduation from the FBI Academy, he was assigned to the Organized Crime Squad in the San Diego Division. From 2009 to 2011, SA Casey was promoted to SSA of the Middle Eastern Transnational Criminal Enterprise Unit at FBI HQ in Washington DC. SA Casey earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Boston College. Prior to joining the FBI, he was a research scientist specializing in Genetics and Epidemiology.

John Caruthers

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI

John Caruthers leads a team of cyber investigators focused on the FBI's mission to protect the country against cyber attack, both domestic and foreign. Under John's guidance, his team has positively affected diplomatic relations between the US and foreign adversaries. In addition, he is responsible for furthering the FBI's partnership efforts with the private sector across the globe. To enhance his partnering efforts, John is frequently selected to provide keynote presentations, BOD discussions, and threat awareness briefings to industry.

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Lifetime Achievement**CORPORATE NONPROFIT****Jane Finley**

*Senior Vice President & Area Manager
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals*

Jane Finley is Senior Vice President and Area Manager for **Kaiser Permanente Health Plan and Hospitals** in San Diego, including Kaiser Permanente's two acute care hospitals – with more than 650 licensed beds - and 31 other medical facilities. More than 9,700 employees and 1,400 physicians care for 635,000 Kaiser Permanente members throughout San Diego County. As the senior executive for Kaiser Permanente in San Diego, Jane's responsibilities include oversight of all health care delivery, financial operations, business strategy, and health plan and hospital support functions.

Prior to her current role, Jane was the Senior Vice President, Executive Director of the Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center Area, consisting of a 352 licensed-bed Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 500 Permanente Physicians, and nearly 320,000 members.

Jane joined Kaiser Permanente in 1984 at the Southern California Regional Offices in the Program Planning Department. Since that time she has held a variety of positions including, Director of Planning, Business Strategy & Finance Leader Tri-Central, Director of Hospital Operations Panorama City, and Service Area Manager of the Valleys Service Area.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Missouri Columbia and a Master of Health Service Administration from the University of Michigan.

COMMUNITY SERVICE**Father Joe Carroll**

*President Emeritus
Father Joe's Villages*

Born in the Bronx in 1940, **Joseph Carroll** grew up with his parents and seven brothers and sisters across the street from St. Joseph Church. He moved to Southern California in 1963, where he entered the seminary. In 1974, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and devoted the next eight years to parish work.

In 1982, when Bishop Leo Maher went looking for someone to take over St. Vincent de Paul Center, he is said to have asked his clergy personnel board, "Who is the biggest hustler in the diocese?" Each member of the committee had the same answer: Father Joe.

So, Bishop Maher charged Father Joe with the social services job. Father Joe likes to say that he tried to politely decline the task, since he was unfamiliar with this type of work, but the bishop insisted that he was the man for the job.

By all accounts, Father Joe rose to the occasion. He traveled the country researching homeless service providers and, at the time, saw nothing that inspired him. He embarked on creating a new, one-stop approach to providing services to those struggling with homelessness. This approach is the hallmark of his programs.

As an icon of the Southern California region and beyond, Father Joe Carroll has selflessly and tirelessly served the San Diego community for more than three decades. Although he retired in 2011, as president emeritus, Father Joe continues to lend a hand in his community with charm and with deep care and compassion for our neighbors in need.



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BRIAN RADUENZ

on being nominated for San Diego Business Journal's
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2019 Finalists



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CEO
ConnectMed International



JOSHUA ALLEN
CEO
Global Disposal



TYLER ANDERSON
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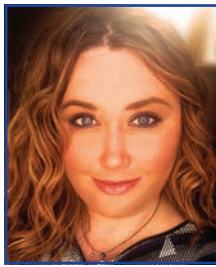
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CEO & Co-Founder
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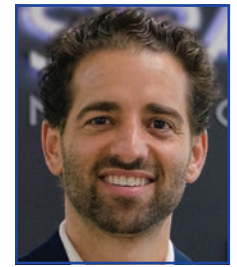
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Sayva Solutions



DERMOT BUFFINI
CEO
Buffini & Company



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CEO & Co-Founder
Airspace Technologies

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FINALIST**

DERMOT BUFFINI



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BL3NDlabs



JAY BUYS
CEO
Visceral



PETER CALLSTROM
President & CEO
San Diego Workforce Partnership



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CEO & Founder
Canale Communications



JENNIFER CASE
President
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DiversityFund



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President, CEO
& General Manager
Saint-Gobain Solar Gard



JAYE CONNELLY-LABELLE
CEO & Chairman
RippleNami



FRANK COWELL
CEO
Digitopia Agency



MICHAEL DALLO
CEO & Principal Attorney
Dallo Law Group



BASSAM DAMAJ
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Innovus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



JAMISON DAY
President
Environmental Lights



ANTHONY DESALIS
President & CEO
The Arc of San Diego



JO MARIE DIAMOND
President & CEO
East County Economic
Development Council



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CEO & Chairman
Tocagen



TOM EATON
CEO
Nivin Software



LAURIE EDWARDS-TATE
President & CEO
At Your Home Familycare



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CEO
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CEO
BooXkeeping Corp.



JOHNAN ENGMAN
CEO & Founder
Rise & Shine
Restaurant Group



MICHAEL ESPOSITO
CEO & Managing Partner
Snake Oil Cocktail Co.



Congratulations, Jane Finley.

Kudos from Kaiser Permanente. We know you're going to continue to do great things.

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JEFF FENSTER
 CEO & Founder
 Everbowl Craft Superfoods



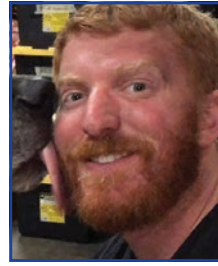
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 CEO
 Flores Financial



STEVEN FORD
 Co-CEO & Co-Founder
 Sand Cloud



JUSTIN FORTIER
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Congratulations to Father Joe Carroll
 on receiving the San Diego Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award

"Father Joe's Villages has always been about 'neighbors helping neighbors.' This is a place where people from all walks of life come together as equals to change peoples' lives." - Father Joe

During Father Joe's 29 years with Father Joe's Villages, he grew the organization from handing out peanut butter sandwiches in downtown San Diego to a comprehensive network of services and housing throughout the city. Although he retired in 2011, his past and ongoing commitment to San Diego has improved the lives of tens of thousands of neighbors in need.

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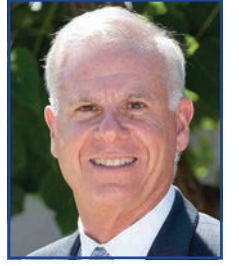
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 CEO, California State
 University San Marcos



LARS HELGESON
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MASA HIGASHIDA
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MICHAEL HOPKINS
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 of San Diego



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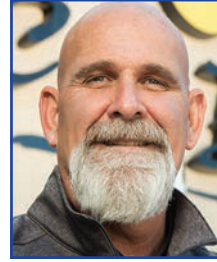
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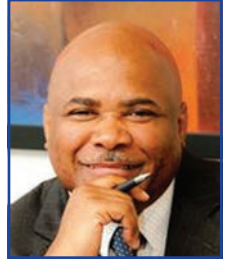
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 & Legal Services



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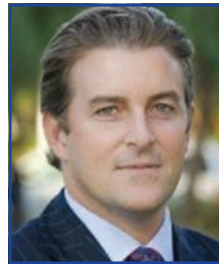
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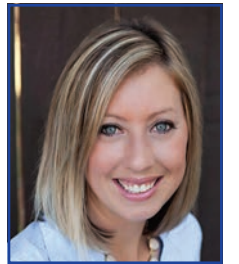
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 Founder
 The Kindley Firm, APC



JOHN KLINEDINST
 CEO & Shareholder
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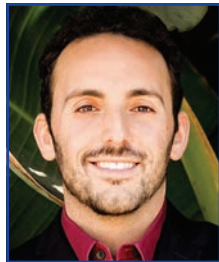
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 RL Therapy Group



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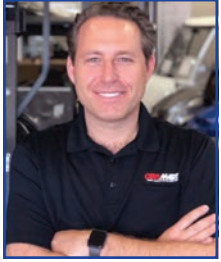
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CEO, eSUB Construction Software



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MIA ROSEBERRY
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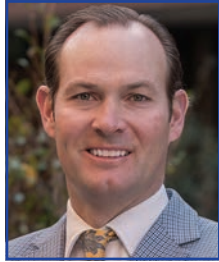
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