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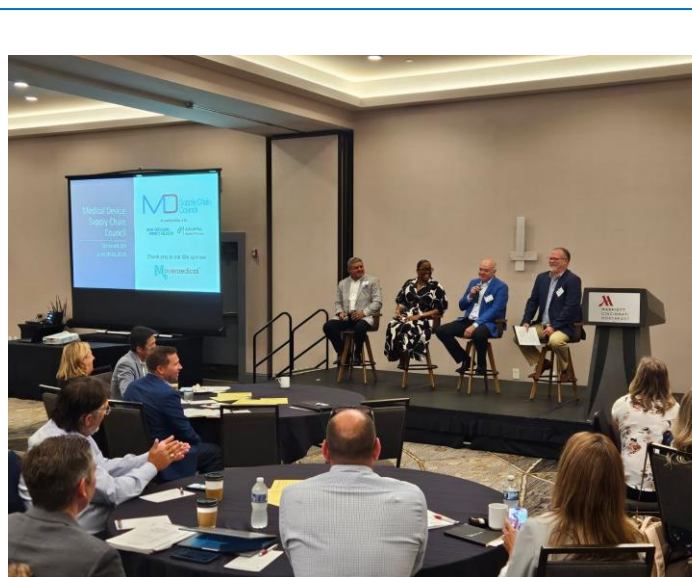
The Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisory Council (AC) are working on these key projects:

- Chances aaarrrre ... (think Johnny Mathis crooning) you noticed the announcements of the Future Famers, Ammer Honoree and Bellwether Honoree classes of 2025 this month. If, somehow, you missed them, just visit our website to see them, which (spoiler alert!) also are listed below. Meanwhile, you'll notice we chose to break with tradition this year again (just like with our annual event) and instead of staggering the class announcements monthly throughout the summer, we opted to take over the month of June and announce the honorees on a weekly basis. Why? We wanted to give you all more time to celebrate their accomplishments and achievements as well as prepare to attend the 18th annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (BLFIRE18), scheduled for **Monday, November 10, 2025**, at **Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center** in **Detroit**.
- Without further adieu and ICYMI ... the **Future Famers Class of 2025**: **Reuben Philip**, Director of Product, Clarium Inc.; **Andrea C. Pouloupoulos**, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Corewell Health; and **Nicole Schmidt**, RT (R)(VI), System Director, Clinical Supply Optimization, Spend Management, The University of Kansas Health System. The **Ammer Honoree Class of 2025**: **Allison Corry**, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Intermountain Health, Salt Lake City, UT; and **Jason R. Moulding**, FACHE, FAHRMM, Chief Supply Chain Officer & Vice President, Performance Management, MultiCare Health, and President, Myriadd Supply Network and Strategies, Tacoma, WA. The **Bellwether Honoree Class of 2025**: **George S. Godfrey**, Chief Supply Chain Officer & Vice President, Financial Shared Services, Baptist Health South Florida, Miami; **Pat Neff Groner (1920-2012)**, President, Baptist Health, Pensacola, FL, and Co-Founder, Voluntary Hospitals of America Inc. (VHA); **Jo Klein (1949-2024)**, Vice President, Strategic Services, Novation; **Michael T. Langlois**, Supply Chain Resource, Langlois and Associates LLC; **Joni Rittler**, retired Vice President & Chief Supply Chain Officer, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and **Claude Trafas (1923-2015)**, Director of Purchasing, Medical Center of Delaware.

- **Register for BLFIRE18** using the **gold** button on the front page of the website. Please donate using another designated **gold** button on that page as well! In fact, make sure you donate or at least make a pledge to donate **before September 1** (Labor Day) so that we can list you in “BLFIRE2025,” the printed commemorative event program everyone receives when they attend BLFIRE18.
- **Military issue:** BLFIRE18 is scheduled to occur on the eve of Veterans Day, so we’d like to salute our veterans one more time by asking those with military experience to share the following with us:
 1. Branch served:
 2. Years served:
 3. Highest rank at honorable discharge/retirement:
 4. How/what does military experience contribute to the healthcare supply chain?
 5. How did your military experience contribute to your career in healthcare supply chain?

We would like to recognize our veterans in attendance at BLFIRE18 and in the digital pages of *Leaders & Luminaries* Edition 8 so please email your responses to Rick Barlow at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.

- **Pinned!** At AHRMM 2025 in Denver, BLF plans to debut something appreciably special for supply chain that demonstrates steadfast support for the profession – a commemorative lapel pin. The first 100 attendees to visit the BLF table at AHRMM will receive one of these new lapel pins for free. For a donation you can order multiple quantities by completing an order form onsite. What a great way to express recognition of and support for Supply Chain by distributing these pins in advance of or during National Healthcare Supply Chain Management Week in October!
- **On the road again:** Keep watching BLF’s LinkedIn page for photographic evidence of various Bellwether Community members in action appearing at conferences and trade shows, such as this one to the right that we featured earlier this month. We’re proud of our Future Famers, Ammer Honorees, Bellwether Honorees, Board of Directors, Advisory Council members and Sustaining and Event Sponsors contributing to the educational, informational and occupational benefits of the profession and industry. If you are attending or otherwise participating in any event, send us a photo and we’ll share it with everyone to show your support for the profession and industry as well as your association with BLF.



BLF reps speaking at MDSCC 2025 in Cincinnati: Pictured left to right: Tim Bugg, Silver Sustaining Sponsor; Régine Honoré Villain, Ammer Honoree Class of 2023; and Ed Hisscock, Bellwether Class of 2022; with moderator John Wright.

Photo courtesy of Carl Meyer, Bellwether Class of 2019

- **Baker's dozen:** To date, the following 14 Sustaining Sponsors have renewed for another year. They are Founding+ **Vizient**; Founding **Premier**; Platinum+ **GHX**; and Platinums **Northwestern** and **Wingfoot Media**; Gold **LogicSource**; Silvers **Capstone Health Alliance**, **Mayo Clinic** and **St. Onge Co.**; Bronze+s **Allina Health** and **BJC HealthCare**; and Bronzes **Atrium Health**, **Froedtert ThedaCare** and **Texas Health Resources**. Those designated at the "+" level also donated \$1,000 each to BLF's scholarship fund for 2025. We thank them for their continued generosity and their appreciation of supply chain educational efforts. If you would like to "uplevel" your organization or to donate to or sponsor the Collegiate Capstone Project and/or scholarship fund, email BLF HQ at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.
- **Champions:** We also appreciate the donations from a growing number of Future Famers, Ammer Honorees and Bellwether Honorees during our recent philanthropic email campaign, "Becoming a Bellwether Beacon and Help Spread the Light About Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Excellence" that began last month. We plan to identify, list and salute our donors this fall in our BLFIRE18 event program and/or within *Leaders & Luminaries* Edition 8.
- **Testing, testing:** We are nearing the final review stage of updating BLF's **Supply Chain Maturity Assessment Tool (SCMAT)**. This is a useful tool we created and launched about 10 years ago that enables healthcare provider organizations to self-evaluate the development and growth of their supply chain operations. Initially and for the first few years, SCMAT was administered by BLF through the Board of Directors until we migrated it to a self-assessment exercise. We paused during the pandemic and then decided to incorporate elements and lessons learned during the COVID-19 years so that organizations could assess their supply chain operations in a "post-pandemic" world. Watch for more information on how to license SCMAT for your organization. Email us and include "SCMAT" in the subject line.
- If you would like to volunteer to participate in our **"BLF Goes Back to School"** panel discussions, sharing relevant and useful information about provider-based healthcare supply chain management with attending students, email BLF HQ.
- **Opening:** We continue to accept applications for BLF's 2025 educational scholarships but originally gave you the opening date (July 1, 2025) as the deadline. We regret the error. Click <https://www.bellwetherleague.org/scholarships.php> for access to applications for the **Jamie C. Kowalski Scholarship**; the **Lillian R. Matiska Scholarship** and the **Robert A. Simpson Scholarship**. Please promote this opportunity among your student interns and fellow professionals. College students earning a degree or certificate in supply chain and supply chain professionals earning certification and additional training and development are eligible. **Deadline: August 31, 2025.**
- **Hot tips:** Visit BLF's "Leaders & Luminaries" page (<https://www.bellwetherleague.org/leaders-luminaries.php>) for all the printed and audio-visual content developed and produced by BLF. In fact, as the current television season prepares to conclude and head into reruns, tune into BLF for something absolutely fresh and new. Next month following the July 4 holiday: Fireside Chat – Episode 3, "Creative Use of an Existing Tool to Solve a Recurring and Irritating Problem that Every Supply Chain Faces" goes live! You don't want to miss it!

- **Sharing:** Visit BLF's LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bellwether-league/>. Connect with others to learn about BLF and share insights with industry thought leaders, pioneers, mentors, innovators, influencers and executives! Ryan Burke, BLF Marketing Committee Chair, plugs you in.
 - **Spreading the word:** If you've earned the privilege to be called a Bellwether Honoree, Ammer Honoree or Future Famer you should be sharing and showing that honor to the world. Wear your lapel pin. Tell everyone! Include your status symbol in your bio, CV, email and letter signature lines and PowerPoint presentations. Spread. The. Word!
 - **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO BELLWETHER LEAGUE FOUNDATION IN 2025 OR BECOMING A SUSTAINING SPONSOR!** Your donation or sustaining sponsorship helps to educate, honor, inform and research healthcare supply chain performance excellence. BLF is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable foundation, so donations are tax-deductible.
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- BLFIRE Event Program
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