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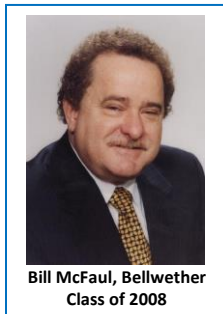
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for the Bellwether Community

REMEMBER

What's happening with the Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Hall of Fame™

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



Bill McFaul, Bellwether
Class of 2008

- BLF remembers and salutes **William J. McFaul** (1944-2025), Bellwether Class of 2008, who passed last Saturday morning. Here is a link to his family's tribute page: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/44087545/william-j-mcfaul>. Watch BLF's web site and LinkedIn page for our official remembrance of this renowned industry icon.

- **Did you stop by BLF's table at AHRMM in Denver a few weeks ago?**

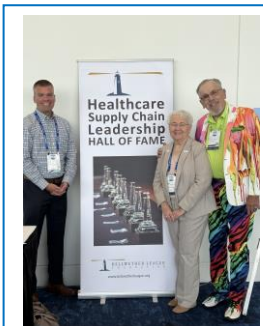
We were there giving away celebratory pins (TYSC for "Thank You Supply Chain" in advance of National Health Care Supply Chain Week in early

October) and souvenir pens as well as sharing information about BLFIRE18 on November 10 and how to donate or sponsor the nonprofit foundation honoring and saluting healthcare supply chain.

- Speaking of celebratory pins ... did you pick one up? They are designed to elicit questions about the acronym (see above) and motivate people to appreciate and celebrate healthcare supply chain's essential role in high-quality healthcare operations and patient care delivery. If you'd like to invest in a small batch to distribute during National Health Care Supply Chain Week, be sure to click on the gold "DONATE" button on the BLF website and complete the form for shipping by the first week in September if you want to



receive the pins in time! Or complete the official order form and email it to BLF headquarters.



BLF at AHRMM 2025 (left to right): Advisory Council member Ryan Burke (Future Famers Class of 2022), Board Chairman Barbara Strain (Bellwether Class of 2021) and Outreach Ambassador Fred Crans (Bellwether Class of 2020) were among those onsite in Denver. Visit BLF's LinkedIn page for more snapshots.

- **Register for BLFIRE18** using the button on the front page of the website. Please donate using another designated 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.
 - **What’s new for BLFIRE18?** In addition to the latest Bellwether, Ammer Honoree and Future Famers classes revealed in the June edition of REMEMBER (access it online via BLF’s “Leaders & Luminaries” page), **Eric O’Daffer**, leading healthcare supply chain lecturer, observer and researcher, will deliver a short keynote, “Entrepreneurship in Healthcare Supply Chain,” **Ed Hisscock**, Bellwether Class of 2022, and **Chico Manning**, Future Famers Class of 2024, will explore the topic, “Assessing Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Mid-Decade: Forging Ahead or Falling Behind?” during the Bellwether Leadership Symposium’s Bellwether Leadership Roundtable, and **Wayne State University Supply Chain students** will present their transportation research with Corewell Health in the 2025 Collegiate Capstone Project.
- Eric O’Daffer
- **RED ALERT:** Because BLFIRE18 is scheduled to occur the day before Veterans Day, we’d like to salute our veterans by asking those with military experience to share the following information about themselves 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?

Please email your responses today to Rick Barlow at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.
 - **On the road again:** Regularly pop in to BLF’s LinkedIn page for photos and references to valuable news and views you can use about the foundation, including conferences we’re attending, events we’re hosting and content we’re posting. If you took photos you’d like to share with us to share with the Bellwether Community, please email them to us for posting! **Visit BLF’s LinkedIn page frequently and follow us 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!
 - **Making a difference:** To date at press time, the following 21 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**, **Healthcare Purchasing News**, **HSCA**, **Mayo Clinic**, **Omnicell**, **OmniChannel Health**, **Share Moving Media/IDN Directory**, and **St. Onge Co.**; Bronze+ **Allina Health** and **BJC HealthCare**; and Bronzes **Atrium Health**, **Froedtert ThedaCare**, **Ochsner Health**, **PIH Health** 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. Care to join them? If you would and/or 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 continue to appreciate the donations from a growing number of Future Famers, Ammer Honorees and Bellwether Honorees during our first two philanthropic email campaigns, “Becoming a Bellwether Beacon and Help Spread the Light About Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Excellence” that occurred in May through June and late July through mid-August, respectively. We plan to hold another one in mid-September through early October. We plan to identify, list and salute our donors this fall in our BLFIRE18 event program and within *Leaders & Luminaries* Edition 8.
- **SCMAT away:** Next month, we look to release BLF’s newly updated **Supply Chain Maturity Assessment Tool (SCMAT)**. This useful tool enables healthcare provider organizations to self-evaluate the development and growth of their supply chain operations. Watch for more information on how to license SCMAT for your organization. Email us for details.
- **Online updates:** Visit BLF’s “Leaders & Luminaries” page (<https://www.bellwetherleague.org/leaders-luminaries.php>) (or use the QR code on the far right below) for all the printed and audio-visual content developed and produced by BLF. The “Awards” page also features a full list of all Bellwethers, Ammer Honorees and Future Famers in a single-page downloadable document titled “BLF’s Hall of Fame and Wall of Acclaim.”
- **Up to date:** We’ve released a variety of **QR codes** for you to access information about BLF more conveniently and easily than clicking on a live link to a webpage. The QR codes link you to useful content on the website about nominating, donating, sponsoring and industry intelligence. Take each for a test drive.



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| • <i>Leaders & Luminaries</i> multimedia content | • BLFIRE Videography |
| • Hall of Fame VIP Reception | • BLFIRE Event Program |
| • Hall of Fame Photography Session | • Collegiate Capstone Projects |
| • REMEMBER e-newsletter | • Philanthropic grants and dedicated scholarships |

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