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July 2, 2026 • No. 31.5 SPECIAL CLASS OF 2026 EDITION for the Bellwether Community

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

- **It's official:** Bellwether League Foundation (BLF) announced its **Future Famers Class of 2026**, **Ammer Honoree Class of 2026** and **Bellwether Class of 2026**.

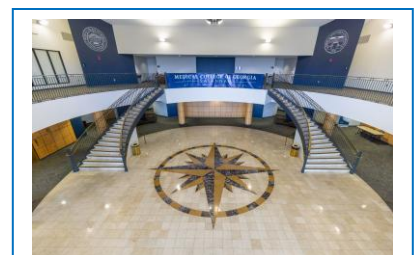
<p><u>FUTURE FAMERS CLASS OF 2026:</u> Megan Jarrell, Director of Supply Chain Finance and Analytics, Advocate Health; and Javier Rodriguez, Director of Materials Management, University of Texas Southwest Medical Center.</p>	 <p>Megan Jarrell</p>	 <p>Javier Rodriguez</p>	<p><u>AMMER HONOREE CLASS OF 2026:</u> Neil Allen, Senior Director, Spend Management and Administration, The University of Kansas Health System.</p>	 <p>Neil Allen</p>	
 <p>John Bardis</p>	 <p>William A. Baum Sr.</p>	 <p>Pamela L. Bryant</p>	 <p>Joseph R. Colonna</p>	 <p>Capt. Thomas R. Defibaugh</p>	 <p>Jay M. Kirkpatrick</p>
 <p>Debbie Sprindzunas</p>		 <p>Mark Welch</p>			

BELLWETHER CLASS OF 2026: John Bardis, retired Founder & Chairman, MedAssets, and former Assistant Secretary, Administration, U.S. Dept. of HHS; William A. Baum Sr. (1891-1964), Founder & Board Chairman, William A. Baum Co. Inc.; Pamela L. Bryant, Senior Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer, Parkland Health; Joseph R. Colonna, Chief Supply Chain & Project Management Officer, Piedmont Health; Capt. Thomas R. Defibaugh, MSC, USN(RET), (1940-2019), U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery; Jay M. Kirkpatrick, Vice President, Supply Chain Operations, Lifepoint Health; Debbie Sprindzunas, Retired Executive Director, Association of Healthcare Resource and Materials Management (AHRMM); Mark Welch, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Novant Health.

This is our way of saying thank you for making a difference.



- **Champions:** We continue to appreciate the donations from a growing number of Future Famers, Ammer Honorees and Bellwether Honorees during our quarterly alumni philanthropic email campaigns, “Becoming a Bellwether Beacon and Help Spread the Light About Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Excellence.” Our first quarter campaign happened in March. This month, our second quarter campaign continues throughout June. Please consider donating to this worthy cause if you haven’t already.
- **Sustainers:** To all of BLF’s Sustaining Partners at the Founding, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels, please remit by **July 1**. We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity and ongoing support because it keeps BLF moving forward to honor colleagues and customers.
- **AHRMM candy:** BLF sweetens the educational menu at AHRMM’s annual conference this year through the general session, “Navigating Supply Chain Leadership Through Crises Today and Tomorrow,” on Tuesday, July 28, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. CDT. **Amanda Chawla**, MBA, MHA, FACHE, FAHRMM, CMRP, (*Ammer Honoree Class of 2024*), AHRMM Board Past Chair, Senior Vice President and Chief Supply Chain and Post Acute Care Officer, Stanford Medicine, moderates a panel discussion that features panelists **René Gudián** (*Future Famers Class of 2022*), Vice President, Supply Chain Management Data Analytics and Transformation, Ochsner Health; **Randy Bradley, Ph.D.** (*Ammer Honoree Class of 2020*), Dean, Jack C. Massey College of Business and Professor of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems, Belmont University; and **Jake Groenewold** (*Bellwether Class of 2021*), retired System Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer, Froedtert ThedaCare Health, who explore decision-making and activities before, during and after crises emerged, including sharing tips on how to prepare for, lead through and learn from managing crises that attendees can customize for their own operations. Don’t miss it!
- **BLFIRE up:** The 19th annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (**BLFIRE19**) is scheduled for **Monday, November 16, 2026**, at **Georgia Southern University’s** Savannah, GA, campus. Think of it like a passcode: 1-1-1-6-2-6. Mark your calendars now. We’re updating the format a bit to enhance the celebration and make it more convenient. Plan your travel now as key event details – including hotel blocks – will be released starting next month. Mark your calendars.
- **1-1-100:** For the 19th consecutive year (mirroring BLF!), BLF AC member Carl Meyer (*Bellwether Class of 2019*) will spend July 4 playing 100 holes on a golf course to raise money for Hire Heroes USA to help veterans and military spouses move into civilian careers. Meyer plans to play at least 100 holes in a single day at Chenequa Country Club in Hartland, WI. His effort started as a personal



BLFIRE19 VIP Reception room at Georgia Southern University’s Armstrong Center

challenge in 2007 and has blossomed into a yearly fundraising tradition. BLF salutes Meyer's long-running dedication and devotion to this notable cause.

- **One Bellwether to another:** Brent Johnson's Executive IDN Insights column in late May explores "Why Relationships Matter in Supply Chain." Johnson (*Bellwether Class of 2014*), features Carl Meyer (*Bellwether Class of 2019*) as an example of what works, how it matters and why. Read his column here in Bluegrass Business Media's IDN Summit website at <https://www.idnsummit.com/fall2026/12130386>. BBM is a proud BLF event partner.
- **On the road again:** Several BOD and AC members are traveling to a variety of industry events during the next two months. Board Secretary **Rachel Anderson** (*Future Famers Class of 2023*) will be at the 2026 HealthTrust University Conference in Denver, July 20-22. Board Chairman **Barbara Strain** (*Bellwether Class of 2021*), BOD Outreach Ambassador **Fred Crans** (*Bellwether Class of 2020*), and AC members **Ryan Burke** (*Future Famers Class of 2022*) and **Jake Groenewold** (*Bellwether Class of 2021*) will be at AHRMM in San Antonio, July 26-28.
- **Honoring achievements:** GHX, Platinum Sustaining Partner of Bellwether League Foundation, knows how to recognize healthcare supply chain performance excellence. During its recent GHX Summit in New Orleans, GHX celebrated the recipients of its annual GHXcellence Awards that feature and highlight several near and dear to BLF and its Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Hall of Fame. GHX honored Corewell Health with the organizational Collaboration & Partnership award. Corewell Health includes **Andrea Pouloupoulos** (*Future Famers Class of 2025*), Chief Supply Chain Officer. Pouloupoulos also serves on the AHRMM Advisory Board. GHX also recognized **Stanford Medicine**, BLF Bronze Sustaining Partner, with the organizational award on Sustainability in the Healthcare Supply Chain. Stanford includes **Amanda Chawla**, MBA, MHA, FACHE, CMRP, (*Ammer Honoree Class of 2024*), Senior Vice President and Chief Supply Chain and Post Acute Care Officer. Chawla also serves as Immediate Past Chair, AHRMM Advisory Board. GHX also saluted **Jason Moulding**, FACHE, FAHRMM, (*Ammer Honoree Class of 2025*), with the individual award for Provider-Based Supply Chain Leadership. Moulding serves as Chief Supply Chain Officer and Vice President, Performance Management, MultiCare Health, and President, Myriadd Supply Network and Strategies. Moulding also serves on the AHRMM Advisory Board.
- **Precious medaling update:** We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our Sustaining Partners, Donors and Alumni. Their commitment to the Bellwether League Foundation allows us to support and promote healthcare supply chain leadership through our events and media content. Look for our "Keepers of the Lighthouse" recognition display at BLFIRE19. "Keepers of the Lighthouse" represents all the Sustaining and Event Partners, Donors and Alumni that have supported BLF since the very beginning. We are proud to share it and are equally proud to recognize everyone's dedication and devotion to BLF, its mission and vision for the industry and profession. Together, we make a difference.
- **Around the industry:** Bellwether Community members have been active in the conference circuit during the last two months with BOD and AC members as well as Bellwether Honorees, Ammer Honorees and Future Famers attending and supporting such events as Bluegrass Business Media's Spring IDN Summit and SMI's Spring Forum in April as well as the GHX Summit and Health Connect Partners conference in May. Did you see any of them? What follows are some photos snapped during their recent appearances. BLF thanks the following shutterbugs for sending us visual evidence of excellence in action: Barbara Strain (*Bellwether Class of 2021*), George Godfrey

(Bellwether Class of 2025), Fred Crans (Bellwether Class of 2020) and Angie Bruns (Future Famers Class of 2024). If you'd like us to share your photos in REMEMBER, contact BLF headquarters.



2020 Ammer Honoree Randy Bradley, Ph.d., (above) and BLF Board Treasurer Ed Hisscock, (below) Bellwether Class of 2022, participate in a panel discussion at IDN Summit.



Chuck Lauer Award Recipient
Ed Hisscock



Ed Hisscock honored with IDN Summit's Chuck Lauer Award



BLFIRE19 promoted at IDN Summit



SMI Spring Forum: Nancy J. LeMaster Consulting's Nancy LeMaster, Bellwether Class of 2015, with BJC Health's Tom Harvieux, Bellwether Class of 2021, and SMI Board Chair Elect.



SMI Spring Forum: George Godfrey, Bellwether Class of 2025, with Health Industry Advisor's Mark Van Sumeren, Bellwether Class of 2021.



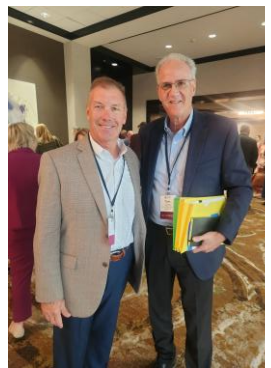
SMI Spring Forum: Baptist Health South Florida's George Godfrey, Bellwether Class of 2025, with Providence Health & Services' Allison Corry, Ammer Honoree Class of 2025, and MultiCare Health System's Jason Moulding, FACHE, FAHRMM, Ammer Honoree Class of 2025.



SMI Spring Forum: Avera Health's Sara Henderson, Future Famers Class of 2019, with George Godfrey, Bellwether Class of 2025.



SMI Spring Forum: 2025 Ammer Honorees Allison Corry and Jason Moulding.



SMI Spring Forum: George Godfrey, Bellwether Class of 2025, with The Lubotsky Alliance Group's Tom Lubotsky, Bellwether Class of 2022.



Health Connect Partners: BLF Board Outreach Ambassador Fred Crans, Bellwether Class of 2020, with Vanderbilt's Tony


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Health Connect Partners: Fred Crans, Bellwether Class of 2020, bookended by HCP's David Mason, CEO (left) and Jason Green, Chief Sales Officer and Partner (right).

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- **Text trifecta:** Mark Van Sumeren (*Bellwether Class of 2021*) will be releasing the third book in his “Strategic Leadership” series where he uses narrative fiction techniques to explore business concepts, industry observations and recommendations for professional improvement. “Strategic Leadership When Time is the Constraint” is available July 1. The newest entry follows his first two infonovels, “A ‘Trip’ to Strategic Leadership” and “A Return to Strategic Leadership: Judgment In the Age of AI.” To order, use any of the following links: Amazon: [Amazon hardcover pre-order link](#); Barnes & Noble: [Barnes & Noble pre-order link](#) in hardcover, paperback and eBook; Books-A-Million: [Books-A-Million pre-order link](#); bookshop.org: [bookshop.org pre-order link](#); and for bulk orders: [PorchlightBooks.com](#).
 - **CSC Pulse:** PerformanSC CEO Lorcan Sheehan plans to release the 7th edition of the “Health Systems Supply Chain Insights” survey, an independent longitudinal benchmark of supply chain operations in health systems that operate a **Consolidated Service Center** model. BLF Co-Founder and Founding Chairman Jamie Kowalski (*Bellwether Class of 2017*), co-founded Sheehan’s survey series with James Grieger in 2012 and continued to participate for more than a decade before he retired in 2024. If you would like to participate in this research, please contact Sheehan by email at lorcan.sheehan@performansc.com.
 - **Rewarding scholars:** Encourage college students studying supply chain, interns at your organization or staffers pursuing additional education to apply for any or all of BLF’s three \$1,000 scholarships for 2026. The scholarships are open to students, interns and active professionals taking classes to further their careers. Applications are available and open now. Contact BLF or visit BLF’s Philanthropy page at <https://www.bellwetherleague.org/scholarships.php#gsc.tab=0>.
 - **Assess yourself:** BLF’s newly updated **Supply Chain Maturity Assessment Tool (SCMAT 2.0)** is ready for you to license and implement for your team. This useful tool enables healthcare provider organizations to self-evaluate the development, growth and quality of their supply chain operations. Contact BLF by email at info@bellwetherleague.org for licensing details. Proceeds are applied to BLF’s scholarship fund to support the next-generation supply chain executives, leaders and professionals. We encourage suppliers to help BLF spread awareness of this tool and to promote this valuable and worthwhile opportunity to their provider customers.
 - **Level up:** Interested in contributing to BLF’s scholarship fund? Consider joining four Sustaining Partners who “upleveled” in 2025 by adding \$1,000 to their annual commitment – Founding Vizient, Platinum GHX, Bronze Allina and Bronze BJC Health. Make an individual professional donation or uplevel your sustaining or event partnership. Contact BLF HQ with questions.
 - **Stay connected:** Sign up for and/or routinely visit 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. Visit BLF’s LinkedIn page and follow us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bellwether-league/>.
 - **Make a tax-deductible donation to BLF in 2026.** Your donation or sustaining partnership 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 to the extent provided by law. Please note that no goods or services are exchanged for any of the donations, gifts and sponsorships received by Bellwether League Foundation.*
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