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for the Bellwether Community

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



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

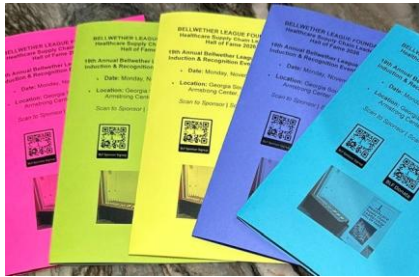
- **Bananas about Savannah:** We're inside of one month before the 19th Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (BLFIRE19), scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2026, at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Center, Savannah, GA. Thanks to you, this event is shaping up to be one of our largest to date. We're still making tickets available, however, for any who want to attend and experience the emotions and spectacle of honoring others. Contact BLF headquarters by email or telephone for your invitation and registration form.
- BLF welcomes its **newest Bronze** Sustaining Partner, **Baptist Health South Florida**.
- **Remembering those we lost since inception.** Since the beginning of this decade, which ushered in the global COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to say farewell to a number of Hall of Famers who have gone before us – Donald J. Siegle (1932-2020), Bellwether Class of 2008; Paul B. Powell (1927-2020), Bellwether Class of 2009; Br. Ned Gerber OSB, CPA, CGMA (1951-2020), Bellwether Class of 2010; George O. Hansen (1931-2020), Bellwether Class of 2012; Thomas W. Hughes (1945-2021), Bellwether Class of 2012; Henry A. Berling (1942-2021), Bellwether Class of 2014; James F. Dickow (1943-2021), Bellwether Class of 2013; Edmond D. Hardin Jr. (1966-2021), Bellwether Class of 2020; F. DeWight Titus III (1934-2022), Bellwether Class of 2021; Ron Denton (1937-2023), Bellwether Class of 2024; Charles E. Housley (1939-2024), Bellwether Class of 2008; Jo Klein (1949-2024), Bellwether Class of 2025; William J. McFaul (1944-2025), Bellwether Class of 2008; and Norman A. Krumrey (1931-2026), Bellwether Class of 2014. This group of Bellwethers represents 40% of the total deceased since inception. For a full list of those we lost before and since inception, be sure to read the 10th anniversary edition of *Leaders & Luminaries* next spring at its new time.
- **On the road again:** 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 CSCE in Nashville, TN, November 4-6; and most will be attending BLFIRE19 at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Center in Savannah, GA, November 16. We hope to see you there!

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



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- **Precious medaling update:** We continue to marvel at 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 by giving back to BLF to support its charitable mission and vision for the industry and profession. Together, we all can make a difference.
- **Leveling up:** We thank the following Sustaining Partners that have renewed with BLF in 2026: Platinum-level **Northwestern Medicine** and Silver-levels **BJC Health**, **HSCA**, **Mayo Clinic** and **St. Onge** in March; Silver-level **OmniChannel Health** and Bronze-level **Geisinger** in April; Founding-level **Vizient**, Platinum-level **GHX**, Silver-levels **Capstone Health** and **Medline**, and Bronze-levels **Advocate/Atrium Health**, **Stanford Medicine** and **Texas Health Resources** in July; Gold-level **LogicSource**, Silver-level **GS1 US Healthcare** and Bronze-level **PIH Health** in August; Bronze-level **Ochsner** in September; Founding-level **Owens & Minor** and Bronze-level **Froedtert ThedaCare** in October. To all of BLF’s Sustaining Partners, we sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity and ongoing support because it keeps BLF moving forward to honor colleagues and customers.
- **Beacons on the shore:** Here’s to the growing number of Future Famers, Ammer Honorees and Bellwether Honorees donating during our first three quarterly alumni philanthropic email campaigns, “Becoming a Bellwether Beacon and Help Spread the Light About Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Excellence,” in March, June and September. Our fourth quarter campaign starts in December. Please consider donating to this worthy cause if you haven’t already.
- **Fiscal orbiting:** We salute the three alumni who donate monthly, three more who donate on an annual basis from their investment firm or foundation, and those who donate as a memorial to a deceased Bellwether. By choosing these options, their dedication and devotion to BLF shines brightly.
- **School’s in:** Interested in contributing to BLF’s scholarship fund? Consider upleveling your Sustaining Partnership by adding \$1,000 to your annual commitment or making an individual professional donation or increasing your event partnership. Contact BLF HQ with questions.
- **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 such events as the Fall IDN Summit and Vizient Connections Summit. See next.



BLF salutes Bellwether Community attendees at the Fall IDN Summit.



BLF Board Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, with Teresa Dail, Bellwether Class of 2022, at the Fall IDN Summit.



BLF raises awareness of healthcare supply chain performance excellence at the Fall IDN Summit.



Jessica Hurd, Future Famers Class of 2019, with BLF Board Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, at the Fall IDN Summit.



Jake Groenewold, Bellwether Class of 2021, BLF BOD Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, and Fred Crans, BLF BOD Outreach Ambassador, Bellwether Class of 2020, at the Fall IDN Summit.



Carl Meyer, Bellwether Class of 2019, with BLF BOD Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, and Régine Honoré Villain, Ammer Honoree Class of 2023, at the Fall IDN Summit.



Mark Welch, Bellwether Class of 2026 honoree, attends the Fall IDN Summit.



Attending the Vizient Connections Summit 2026, September 22-25, in Las Vegas: BJC Health's Tom Harvieux, Bellwether Class of 2021; St. Onge Co.'s Fred Crans, Bellwether Class of 2020 and BLF Board Outreach Ambassador; and Providence Health's Amanda Chawla, Ammer Honoree Class of 2024.



Randy Bradley, Ph.D., Ammer Honoree Class of 2020, at the Fall IDN Summit.



BLF BOD Outreach Ambassador Fred Crans, Bellwether Class of 2020, with BLF BOD Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, at the Fall IDN Summit.



BLF Board Chairman Barbara Strain, Bellwether Class of 2021, with BLF Board Treasurer Ed Hisscock, Bellwether Class of 2022 at the Fall IDN Summit.

- **Reward 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>.
- **Assessing outcomes:** BLF's newly updated **Supply Chain Maturity Assessment Tool** (SCMAT 2.0) is ready for you to license and implement for your team. This practical, easy-to-use 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.
- **Content with content:** We recently rebranded our "Fireside Chats" to "BLF Spotlights." Be sure to visit BLF's "Leaders & Luminaries" page on the website (*click on <https://www.bellwetherleague.org/leaders-luminaries.php#gsc.tab=0> or the QR code on the far right below*) to watch the latest episode (No. 6), where BLF Board Secretary Rachel Anderson (*Future Famers Class of 2023*) interviews Tom Lubotsky (*Bellwether Class of 2022*) for the second part of the two-part series "Advancing Supplier-Provider Relationship Management." Also read through the latest edition of *Leaders & Luminaries* (No. 9) that explores "Healthcare Supply Chain's X Factor," among other thought-provoking topics.
- **Keep in touch:** 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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