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**Leaders, Doers, Visionaries
& Idea Generators
Who Help Shape the City**

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**KELLY
FALCONE-HALL**

PRESIDENT & CEO
WESTERN RESERVE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Education: Cleveland State University, bachelor's degree and master's degree
First Job: A library and archives intern at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS)
Toughest Challenge: Earning the trust of our community and convincing our community to see and value WRHS for what it is today. This can be a unique challenge for Cleveland's oldest cultural institution.
Greatest Inspiration: My family
How I Motivate Others: I do my best to bring my 'A' game every day. If I don't bring the energy, enthusiasm and passion for our work, history and its value in society, how can I expect others to be motivated?
Most Inspiring Person: My late mother continues to inspire me every day, in every way.
Best Advice: To quote my father, "Do what you love, and the money will follow."
Proudest Moment: The day the WRHS board appointed me president and CEO
Most Important Skill: Public speaking

**PAUL
HOGLE**

PRESIDENT & CEO
CLEVELAND
INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

Education: University of Evansville
Toughest Challenge: Attempting to navigate a demanding full-time job; three daughters under the age of 2; a chronically ill, bedridden wife; and no family closer than 300 miles away
Greatest Inspiration: The students who get accepted into the Cleveland Institute of Music — their preparation, tenacity, discipline and character are a daily inspiration.
How I Motivate Others: A combination of a relentless pursuit of excellence, tireless work ethic and quiet acts of service
Most Inspiring Person: Hands down my wife
Best Advice: Hope is not a strategy; hope is a function of struggle.
Important Lesson Learned: George Washington Carver wrote, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it."

**JILL
KOSKI**

PRESIDENT & CEO
HOLDEN FORESTS
& GARDENS

Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison, bachelor's degree
Best Advice: Make time for play and to breathe, and occasional boredom is essential to creating space for new ideas.
Important Lesson Learned: Show up and work the plan every day
Proudest Moment: The biggest accomplishments and proudest moments aren't from a singular, overnight idea or action, but instead are made up of many small, sometimes seemingly unnoticeable steps along the way. Put together and combined with focus on a clear goal, big things happen.
What I'd Tell 16-Year-Old Me: Don't give up if you lose what you think is an important contest. You can't always see the path ahead, and a moment of loss has the potential to create even greater and more meaningful success for you.
Hobby/Passion: Cooking and baking are my zen space, along with hiking and simply being outdoors no matter the season.

STAMY PAUL

PRESIDENT & FOUNDER
GRAFFITI HEART
VICE PRESIDENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES
AIRGAS

Education: Kent State University, bachelor's degree; Baldwin Wallace University, master's degree
Greatest Inspiration: Coloring the world one wall at a time by working with artists to transform spaces into destinations
How I Motivate Others: Set high goals of the unachievable and commit to making them achievable.
Most Inspiring Person: My 94-year-young dad. He's been with me for 55+ years, and he's my confidant and biggest fan.
Best Advice: Share your perspective. It counts and will make a difference.
Proudest Moment: Graduating with my master's degree, and the grand opening of Graffiti HeArt Museum & Gallery
What Keeps Me Up at Night: Accomplishing the next big project

**MEENAKSHI
SHARMA**

CHIEF STRATEGY
OFFICER
CLEVELAND MUSEUM
OF NATURAL HISTORY

Education: Executive master's degree
First Job: Contract worker for UNICEF India
How I Motivate Others: By maintaining a positive can-do attitude and clearly communicating goals
Most Inspiring Person: My mom
Best Advice: Think big and be ready to fail
Proudest Moment: Whenever someone talks about how I have made an impact on his or her life or career
Most Important Skill: Building relationships with people
Hobby/Passion: Interior decoration
Bucket List: Travel to at least 50 countries in the next 10 years

**CATHERINE
TIMKO**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LAKE ERIE NATURE
& SCIENCE CENTER

Education: Hiram College, bachelor's degree
First Job: Library page
Best Advice: What you do matters. This is true for all positions in any organization, as well as recognizing that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
Previous Leadership Positions: Division and regional director of development, The Trust for Public Land
Most Important Skill: Nonprofit administration
Hobby/Passion: Bird-watching

**ANGIE
LOWRIE**

DIRECTOR
CLEVELAND
HISTORY CENTER

Education: Bachelor's degree in international business and French
First Job: A lifeguard
Toughest Challenge: As a new, young female manager, gaining the respect from my team of professionals who had many more years of work experience
How I Motivate Others: Empathy
Best Advice: Be in control of your own attitude and your own destiny. Some circumstances may be out of your control, but you can control your response.
Important Lesson Learned: Know when to stop talking and listen. I still struggle with this.
Most Important Skill: Listening
Hobby/Passion: Running
Fun Fact: I successfully completed a full marathon in 2016. It taught me a lot about having stamina and mental toughness in all aspects of my life.

**EVAN
MILLER**

PRESIDENT
GREATER CLEVELAND
FILM COMMISSION

Education: The Ohio State University, bachelor's degree in marketing
First Job: Telemarketer
Toughest Challenge: Moving across the country to Los Angeles at age 23 with no job
Most Inspiring Person: My grandfather. After his wife tragically passed away at the age of 31, he recommitted himself to his education. He returned to school to finish his undergraduate degree and then completed Case Western Reserve University's three-year law program in 28 months.
Proudest Moment: Getting this position in my hometown and having the opportunity to bring back my experiences in the entertainment industry to a city I love
Most Important Skill: Communication. Open and honest dialogue is key to any relationship. I enjoy meeting and speaking with new people and finding mutually beneficial opportunities.
What I'd Tell 16-Year-Old Me: Don't limit yourself in your thinking about what you can do for a career. New opportunities are always coming up.

**GRAFTON
NUNES**

PRESIDENT & CEO
CLEVELAND
INSTITUTE OF ART

Education: College of the Holy Cross, bachelor's degree; Columbia University, two master's degrees
How I Motivate Others: I solicit information and opinions from people, and I listen to them.
Proudest Moment: When my oldest of six children graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Art
What Keeps Me Up at Night: Ensuring that the Cleveland Institute of Art survives and thrives for another 138 years of empowerment through careers in art and design
Previous Leadership Positions: Producer, "The Loveless" (1981), first feature film of Oscar winner Kathryn Bigelow; and founding dean, School of the Arts, Emerson College (1998-2010)
Important Lesson Learned: Using my materials (money, time, talent, budget, schedules and creative people) to educate young people to be leaders in art and design
Who'd Play Me in a Biopic: Michael Douglas, for whom I have been mistaken on several occasions

**STEPHANIE
WHITE**

GENERAL MANAGER
GREATER CLEVELAND
AQUARIUM

First Job: As a teen, my first job was working for a snack shop at a local campground.
Greatest Inspiration: Being underwater as a SCUBA diver exploring a spectacular world. I find inspiration whether I'm diving in Lake Erie, an ocean or at the aquarium.
Best Advice: Recognize what reenergizes you and make time for it on your calendar.
Important Lesson Learned: During the last few months of ever-changing challenges, this quote, whose originator has been questioned, but which is often attributed to Albert Einstein, has held true for me: "I don't need to know everything, I just need to know where to find it when I need it." You do not have to be an expert in every aspect, but with the right leadership, team and resources, you can achieve success.
What I'd Tell 16-Year-Old Me: Perseverance is not just a word on a school poster or something your mom says to keep you going; it is a real-life lesson. If you do not succeed at first, take a deep breath and try again tomorrow.

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