

Business Professionals Panel for the PEOPLE Program

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GRAIG BROOKS

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Division of Business Services
UW-Madison

THIS IS ME

Creative · Poised · Helpful

Attended high school in Homer, MI
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and
Accounting from Western Michigan University

My first job was selling popcorn at a flea market. Being at a flea market, there were always things around I wanted to buy. I learned the direct relationship between how much I worked and how much I earned.

My advice to make the world a better place: Lead by example. Saying the right things is easy, but people tune words out. Do the right things day in and day out and people will notice and follow your lead .



GIAN COMPUESTO

Senior Accountant
Cash Management
Division of Business Services
UW-Madison

THIS IS ME

Hard-working · Helpful · Efficient

Attended St. Lawrence Seminary High School, Mt Calvary, WI
Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from
UW-La Crosse

My first job was as an auditor at a public accounting firm. I learned how to work well as part of a team and how to work with all different kinds of clients.

My advice to make the world a better place: Be kind.



GWENDOLYN EZELL

Assistant Director
Risk Management
Division of Business Services
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THIS IS ME

Friendly · Pragmatic · Planner

Attended Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, IN
Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Policy in
Organizational Behavior from Northwestern University
Master of Business Administration in Risk Management and
Insurance from UW-Madison

In my first job, I worked for the Indiana Toll Road as an
Information Booth Attendant in rest areas along the Toll Road.
I provided travelers with tourism information, directions for
driving in, through and around Chicago and answered their
travel-related questions. I learned the value of being
personable, developing good interpersonal skills and the joy of
working in a role that helps and assists others.

My advice to make the world a better place: Be the change
you wish to see in the world. Reach out and encourage your
friends and family to do the same.



BRIAN KLINGER

Assistant Director
Purchasing Services
Division of Business Services
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THIS IS ME

Social · Fun · Hard-working

Attended Neenah, WI High School
Bachelors Degree in Graphic Communications Management
Masters Degree in Career and Technical Education
Both degrees from UW-Stout

My first job was as a bagger/stock person at Pick 'n Save
where I learned customer service skills that I still use today.

My advice to make the world a better place: We all have
such little time on this planet, let's love our neighbor as
yourself.



DAN LANGER

Assistant Vice Chancellor/
Controller
Division of Business Services
UW-Madison

THIS IS ME

Resilient · Direct · Ethical

Attended John Marshall Jr/Sr High School in Milwaukee, WI
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from
UW-Madison

My first job was at Jack Langer Pharmacy & Gifts. My first supervisor was Ollie, the custodian and store stocker who had learning challenges. I learned valuable lessons regarding respect and treating everyone fairly in the fact my Dad believed in Ollie, trusted him, had patience with him and that Ollie was a gentle and kind person who simply needed to be understood for his strengths and challenges.

My advice to make the world a better place: Treat everyone as you would want to be treated and recognize everyone has a value and provides opportunity for you to learn from them .



BRADLEY THOMAS

Web Developer
Content Management
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Division of Business Services
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THIS IS ME

Creative · Collaborative · Analytical

Attended Madison West High School, Madison, WI
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
Master of Business Administration
Both degrees from Edgewood College, Madison, WI

My first job was at McDonalds as a cashier for \$4.25 per hour in 1993. I learned that I needed to save my money and that I did not want a future in fast food service.

My advice to make the world a better place: Before you change the world, you must first change yourself. Focus on helping others get what they want and that will get you what you want.