



Greater Wichita  
Partnership

## PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

The effectiveness of the Greater Wichita Partnership is in each member, each investor, each community and business leader serving this region. We invite you to connect with any of the area professionals serving on boards, committees, and within the many alliances and task forces. Our strength is in our diversity and united efforts for success.

### Executive Board Of The Greater Wichita Partnership

Exists to ensure the work of the organization aligns with the mission to fast-forward economic growth in the Greater Wichita region.

Learn more about becoming an investor of the Partnership by contacting Becca Newman at [becca@greaterwichtapartnership.org](mailto:becca@greaterwichtapartnership.org).

#### Executive Committee

**Aaron Bastian**, Fidelity Bank, Executive Board Co-chair  
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**Dr. Sheree Utash**, WSU Tech



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**Shelly Prichard**, Wichita Foundation

## Emeritus Director

**Scott Schwindaman**, Greater Wichita Partnership

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## Strategic Advisory Team

Comprised of private-sector leaders and public-sector officials, this team assists in guiding economic development strategies, goals, and opportunities within the Partnership's jobs priority. In addition, the team provides critical leadership to propel the initiatives identified within the Regional Growth Plan.

**Troy Anderson**, City of Wichita  
**Ryan Baty**, Sedgwick County Chair  
**Kelly Bielefeld**, Wichita Public Schools  
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## Industry Members

**Kyle Blasdel**, Hutton  
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**DJ McClenny**, Crossland Construction Co. In.  
**Butch Nuss**, Slawson Companies  
**Dan Reisig**, UV&S  
**Harvey Sorensen**, Foulston Siefkin  
**Brice Turner**, Hornet Cutting Systems  
**Dave Wells**, SPT Architecture  
**Van Winter**, True Blue Power

## Accelerate Wichita

To support the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem, the Partnership provides support to Accelerate Wichita (formerly the Entrepreneurship Task Force), which focuses on identifying, activating and mentoring an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Accelerate Wichita has a vision to build and support an inclusive, globally competitive, and impactful entrepreneurial ecosystem creating sustainable long-term growth for the Wichita region through job and wealth creation.

A key accomplishment of the Entrepreneurship Task Force (ETF) was the launch of the first entrepreneurial accelerator in Kansas – e2e, now named NXTUS. In 2015, ETF launched a planning committee that took the necessary steps to open the independent entity. The Partnership now partners with NXTUS to cultivate the entrepreneurial ecosystem by activating, accelerating, and mentoring entrepreneurs in the heartland.

For specific questions related to entrepreneurial development, please contact Tami Bradley at [tami@greaterwichtapartnership.org](mailto:tami@greaterwichtapartnership.org).

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## Talent Advisory Committee

Comprised of Human Resource Executives and community leaders, this committee is regularly convened to provide strategic direction for current and future talent recruitment and retention efforts. In addition, this committee works to propel the initiatives identified within the Talent Marketing Blueprint.

## Industry Members

**John Bates**, INTRUST Bank  
**Cara Chennault-Reid**, Koch, Inc.  
**Lisa Clark**, HCA Healthcare  
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**Emily Faught**, Fidelity Bank  
**John Ford**, TESSERE  
**Kara Franks**, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
**Ryan Karasek**, Spirit Aerosystems  
**Jeff Koch**, SPT Architecture  
**La'Rell Marion**, Cargill Protein  
**Sonja Mencacci**, Textron Aviation  
**Marliou Mewborn**, Ascension  
**Phet Namphengsone**, Textron Aviation  
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**Chelsie Ness**, Integra Technology  
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**Jenna Shaban**, Wichita Public Schools  
**Shayla Stahl**, Hutton  
**Yvonne Turner**, Bombardier Defense

For specific questions related to the Talent Advisory Committee, or to get on the mailing list, please contact Tami Bradley, Senior Strategic Advisor for Talent Roadmap and Workforce Development at [tami@greaterwichtapartnership.org](mailto:tami@greaterwichtapartnership.org).

## Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition

Focused on promoting a seamless partnership between private business and education leaders to inspire, develop, and produce the productive workforce needed for sustained economic growth for our region. The Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition is guided by the Student Success Task Force Plan, which identifies three priority areas based on the initiatives outlined in the Lifelong Learning Action Plan of the Project Wichita Community Report. The Coalition is currently led by Co-chairs Stephanie Harder, Director of Communications and Public Affairs at Textron Aviation, and Dr. Sheree Utash, President of WSU Tech.

### Coalition Members

**Ebony Clemons**, Evergy  
**Mike Beene**, Kansas Department of Commerce  
**Tim Hamblin**, Wichita Public Schools  
**Ryan Bond**, Thrive Restaurant Group  
**Misty Bruckner**, PPMC  
**Jordan Buxton**, Sevenfold  
**Noreen Carrocci**, Envision, Inc.  
**Joy Eakins**, Cornerstone Data, Inc.  
**Kyle Ellison**, Khan Lab School  
**Michele Gifford**, Textron Aviation  
**Deborah Gladney**, WorkTouch  
**Stephanie Harder**, Textron Aviation  
**Ben Hutton**, Hutton  
**Kathleen Jagger**, Newman University  
**Mary Beth Jarvis**, NXTUS  
**Council Member Brandon Johnson**, City of Wichita  
**Nate Koch**, WSU Foundation and Alumni Engagement  
**Keith Lawing**, WorkForce Alliance  
**Emily Lopez**, Spirit Aerosystems  
**Colin Marsh**, Murfin Inc.  
**Jim McNiece**, Kansas State Department of Education  
**Commissioner Pete Meitzner**, Sedgwick County  
**Robin Merriman**, Bombardier  
**Derrick Nielsen**, High Touch Technologies  
**Laura Ritterbush**, Goodwill Industries  
**Luis Rodriguez**, Tech Entrepreneur & Advocate  
**John Rolfe**, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**Jesse Romo**, Wichita Airport Authority  
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**Dr. Sheree Utash**, WSU Tech  
**Tonya Witherspoon**, Wichita State University  
**Bruce Witt**, Ascension Via Christi  
**Damon Young**, Kansas Leadership Center

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