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Masood is a Special Agent at Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and specializes in a wide array of financial crimes, identity theft, fraud, organized retail crimes, and money laundering investigations. Masood has also served as a National Program Manager at HSI’s headquarters in Washington DC, supporting initiatives such as Operation Stolen Promise, HSI’s effort to combat Covid-19 financial fraud, and as part of the Financial Crimes Unit, contributing to HSI's success in both international and domestic financial crimes investigations.

Before joining HSI, Masood served as a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service, where he investigated bank, credit card, and check fraud. In addition, Masood was also responsible for protecting the President and Vice President of the United States, and other heads of visiting nations during their visit to the United States. Masood is a frequent speaker and panel member at financial crimes events including at industry conferences, financial institutions, and universities. Masood is the founder and President of Anteater LEO, UC Irvine’s alumni chapter for law enforcement, related professionals, and students. Masood obtained his B.A. from UC Irvine and his M.S. from University of Cincinnati.
Charla Batey is Public Relations Manager for Cox Communications’ Orange County, Palos Verdes, and Santa Barbara markets. She is the West Region (AZ, CA, ID, NV) liaison to Cox Business for the Public and Government Affairs Team and the West Region Ambassador Lead for Cox Enterprises’ empower[HER] Employee Resource Group. She also helps lead Cox Business public relations efforts for the state. Charla has 16+ years of experience in public relations, special events planning, and marketing. She holds a Master of Business Administration, Marketing Emphasis from Brandman University, a Bachelor of Arts in Literary Journalism from the University of California, Irvine, and an Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Locally, she is on the Executive Board of Groundswell, formerly Orange County Human Relations, severing as Secretary and the Development Committee.

Nationally, she is on the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Governance Committee. Hyper locally, she co-chairs two annual Scholastic book fairs for her daughters’ elementary school.

In 2020, she was named one of Orange County’s Top 40 Leaders Under 40 by the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce and in the same year she had the honor of being the first Black president of the Orange County Chapter of PRSA in its 57-year history and one of only five Black chapter presidents in the country that year. She lives in Irvine, California and enjoys reading, indoor cycling, Pilates, hiking/walking outside, listening to music, dancing, and power naps!
David Fanous is currently the Principal Manager of Distribution Program Management at Southern California Edison where he is charged with managing SCE’s $1 billion Wildfire, Pole, Infrastructure Replacement, Load Growth, Circuit Automation, and Streetlight programs. Prior to this role, he was responsible for strategic leadership ensuring an integrated enterprise-wide COVID-19 response with matrix responsibility for over 100-person organization. David joined SCE in 2007, holding leadership positions in various organizations such as Business Customer Division, Finance and Strategic Business Planning. Prior to SCE, David spent three years at a private equity advisory firm where he was responsible for three private equity fund clients ranging from $750 million to $2.7 billion in size.
RICARDO HERNANDEZ
Senior Director
Casey Family Programs

Ricardo Hernandez graduated from UC Irvine with B.A.s in Political Science and Spanish Literate. Ricardo was born and was, with the exception of a couple of years when he lived abroad as a child, raised in Los Angeles, CA.

Ricardo graduated from UC Irvine with B.A.s in Political Science and Spanish Literate. While attending UC Irvine as an undergraduate in 1996 he co-founded the first Latino Greek Letter organization, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, opening the doors for other Latino Greek Letter organizations to be part of the UC Irvine community.

After graduation, Ricardo worked in several non-profit organizations in the Los Angeles County and Orange County area focusing on community organizing and advocating for different social issues in disadvantaged areas. Ricardo then went on to the University of Washington where he earned a Master of Public Administration.

Ricardo has over 15 years of professional experience in the philanthropic sector and is currently a Senior Director at Casey Family Programs.
Claudia Bonilla Keller, an established nonprofit executive, joined Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County as chief mission officer in February 2020 and was named CEO on January 1, 2022. Keller leads all aspects of food bank operations, including outreach to donors, community partners, volunteers and the public to educate, inform and inspire action in Second Harvest’s mission of ensuring dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food for all who need it in Orange County.

Prior to Second Harvest, Keller served as chief program officer for the LA Promise Fund and as senior vice president and executive director of the American Heart Association in Los Angeles.

Keller holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from UC Irvine and a master’s degree in Public Administration with a concentration in urban management from Cal State Fullerton. She resides in Placentia and actively contributes to various boards and organizations focused on food insecurity, such as serving on the boards of the California Association of Food Banks and Abound FoodCare.
Michael O’Heany is the southern California division controller for Trumark Homes. Trumark builds homes in California and Colorado and is a member of the Daiwa House family of U.S. homebuilders. With over 30 years of experience as an accounting professional, Michael has specialized in real estate development, homebuilding and private golf clubs accounting and finance.

Michael began his accounting career at Kenneth Leventhal & Co, which later merged with Ernst and Young LLP. After six years in public accounting and earning his CPA license, he went on to work at several local and national homebuilding and land development companies. He also spent eight years as Controller for a private golf club in Irvine.

While earning an Economics degree at UC Irvine, Michael was a founding member of the UC Irvine chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, a coordinator and 2-year volunteer staff for summer orientation, an administrative intern, a yell leader and UC Irvine's 1984 homecoming king.

Michael is currently a member of the UCIAA finance committee and served as UCIAA Board Treasurer from 2017-2021. He is a passionate speaker on the time value of money and long-term savings plans benefits.

In his limited free time he enjoys watching LA Kings hockey games, spending time with his children, donating blood/platelets (over 46 gallons so far), hiking and running. A citizen of both Canada and the United States, Michael immigrated to Southern California at the age of 14 and has been an Orange County resident ever since. Michael and his wife Shannon live in Tustin. He has two grown children, Bradley and Allison and a soft-coated wheaten terrier named Kopitar.
A member of the firm’s Intellectual Property practice, Melissa Patterson focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, licensing, and litigation, particularly in innovative technologies such as software, computer and mechanical devices, AR/VR headsets, mobile communications, artificial intelligence, robotics, blockchain, insurance, healthcare records management, geophysical management, automotive technologies, and financial networks. She has successfully prosecuted over 1,000 U.S. and international patent matters, collaborating extensively with foreign counsel.

In her IP licensing practice, Melissa analyzes open-source licensing terms and provides insightful patent and licensing opinions, drawing on her background in computer programming. She has managed over 200 trademark matters, conducted numerous non-infringement and invalidity analyses, and offered technical insights into pre-litigation and computer code-related issues. Her comprehensive experience includes drafting and analyzing patent licenses and addressing technical aspects in patent litigation cases.
SILVA KARAGEOZIAN  
Entrepreneur & Community Leader

Silva Karageozian is a proud Anteater who grew up primarily in Southern California. However, she spent seven years of her childhood in Great Britain, returning to the United States for high school. At UC Irvine, she majored in Political Science and minored in Social Ecology. After graduation, she worked in the environmental field promoting used oil recycling programs in the South Bay. She earned a multiple subject teaching credential at CSULB and taught in LA and Orange counties. She left the classroom to work in educational technology, developing programs to enhance teaching with multimedia. After starting a family, she became a full-time parent, while her husband Vicken, a UC Irvine medicine alumnus, practiced Ophthalmology in Huntington Beach.

Silva extensively volunteered in schools and in the community while raising her three children, Aleena, Shaunt and Sevan. Volunteerism led her back to UC Irvine where she aligned with the UC Irvine Center for Armenian Studies. She co-chaired the Director’s Circle for Armenian Studies to build community relations and raise funds. She chartered the UC Irvine Armenian American Alumni Chapter and served as president for five years. She also has a deep love of the arts and is an active docent at the recently re-opened Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA). She is honored to have a position on the UC Irvine Alumni Association board!
Diane is a Business Development Consultant based in Irvine, California. She has worked with a wide variety of organizations in both for-profit and nonprofit sectors with emphasis in community engagement, resource development, and event and project management. She is connected and works with local business communities, chambers of commerce, local government and community leaders in advocating, developing, and supporting programs and organizations. Diane’s passion lies in building relationships and connecting people. She believes continued education, effective communication, and collaboration are the key to success.

Community Engagement and Leadership Roles:
- Chair, Board of Trustees: Irvine Public Schools Foundation
- Executive Board: Korean Cultural Center, OC
- Board of Trustee: World Affairs Council OC
- Board Member: Arts & Learning Conservatory
- Advisory Board: SBDN (Small Business Diversity Network)
- Outreach & Communication Advisor: Korean American Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Christine Tu, MD, has been a dedicated physician with the Mid-Atlantic and Southern California Permanente Medical Group since 2012, specializing in Family Medicine and Urgent Care. Her experience in these diverse regions underscores her adaptability and commitment to providing exemplary patient care. Since 2022, Dr. Tu has also served as the Scholarship Chair for the UCI Orange County Alumni Chapter, where she has played a pivotal role in supporting the future of UCI scholars. With her proven leadership, medical expertise, and community involvement, Dr. Tu is poised to bring valuable insights and a compassionate perspective to the board.

Outside of her professional life and as a mother of two, Dr. Tu is deeply connected to her community through various volunteer roles. As a parent volunteer with the AIAA OC Section NASA Student Launch Initiative, she supports students in their aerospace projects, encouraging their interest in STEM fields. Additionally, Dr. Tu serves as a volunteer speaker at school career days, where she shares her experiences and insights as a physician, inspiring young minds to pursue careers in medicine and healthcare.