



The Class of 2023

Leadership Catholic - Class of 2023



11 Catholic professionals selected based on application substance, curriculum vitae and programmatic fit.



Amanda Lochtefeld, CPA

- Internal Controls Manager, North America
- Bridgestone America's
- Parish: St. Henry
- BS, University of Dayton
- *Mentor: Kent Adams*



Adam DesPres

- Director of Sales
- Trinisys
- Parish: St. Henry
- MS, National University
- BA, University of North Georgia
- St. Henry Men's Club
- *Mentor: Jason Moore*



Cody Schmits

- CEO
- Schmits Consulting Group
- Parish: Holy Family
- Knights of Columbus
- MBA, Vanderbilt University
- BS, Purdue University
- *Mentor: Marty Blair*



Jacob Neu, JD

- Partner
- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings
- Parish: Cathedral of the Incarnation
- Knights of Columbus
- JD, Vanderbilt University Law School
- BA, Rice University
- *Mentor: Gino Marchetti*



Garrett Chipman

- CEO
- TVG Consulting
- Boys & Girls Club and Rotary Boards
- Parish: St. Matthews
- BS, San Diego State University
- *Mentor: Paul Ney*



Janine Christiano

- Director of Strategic Partnerships
- Race Forward
- Parish: Christ the King
- RCIA sponsor
- Before Gethsemane Initiative Board Treasurer
- M.Ed., Vanderbilt University
- BA, University of California Irvine
- *Mentor: Deb Varallo*

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Jim Schafer

- Managing Partner
- Nenni and Associates
- Parish: St. Ann
- Evangelize All Ministries ministry
- BS, Northern Illinois University
- *Mentor: Steve Hayes*



Ania Payne, PhD

- Global Head of Marketing, Strategy & R&D
- MilliporeSigma, Merck KGaA business
- Parish: St. Henry
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
- BE, Vanderbilt University
- *Mentor: Tod Fetherling*



Nathan Higginbotham

- Vice President, U.S. Origination
- Twin Eagle Resource Management
- Parish: Holy Family
- Catechist for 8th-grade confirmation candidates
- Newman House, Catholic Charities
- BA, University of Kentucky
- *Mentor: Bill Krueger*



Maddi Johnson

- Employee Benefits Advisory
- HUB International Mid-South
- Parish: Christ the King
- Catholic Business League Board & Membership Coordinator
- St. Luke's Community House Board
- BA, California Polytechnic State University
- *Mentor: Tony Dunning*



William Panagakos

- Lead Recruiter
- Mission Advantage Recruiting
- Parish: St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows
- Theology of the Body
- High School Campus Minister
- BS, Franciscan University of Steubenville
- *Mentor: Mike LaLonde*