

## The Global Intellect Summit and Nasdaq Closing Bell Ceremony – Bios

### Strategic Growth & Partnership Panel

#### Moderator:



### **Shelley Stewart Jr.**

**Chairman, Billion Dollar Roundtable**

Shelley Stewart Jr. retired as the Chief Procurement Officer at E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. In that role, he reported directly to the Chief Executive Officer in leading procurement, global sourcing, and logistics. Additionally, he was responsible for global real estate and facility services. He focused on delivering benefits through a strategic approach to supplier management and assuring efficient facility utilization and maximizing the real estate footprint. He also served on the company risk committee which was responsible for managing all financial instruments. Shelley played a significant role in the DowDuPont merger by helping to deliver synergy savings and stand up two new organizations in support of spinning into three standalone world class companies. Currently Shelley leads Bottom Line Advisory LLC, a boutique consulting firm focused on procurement, logistic and operational improvement.

From 2005 until joining DuPont in 2012, he was Senior Vice President of Operational Excellence and Chief Procurement Officer at Tyco International, where his portfolio of responsibilities included oversight of supply chain, procurement, information technology, facilities, real estate, trade compliance and lean six sigma initiatives company wide. He joined Tyco in 2003, first as Vice President of Supply Chain Management. Previous roles included serving as Senior Vice President of Supply Chain at Invensys PLC. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Supply Chain Management at Raytheon Company. He spent 19 years at United Technologies Corporation where he held positions of increasing responsibility, as Vice President of Procurement at Hamilton Standard and finally becoming Director of Worldwide Sourcing for the Corporation.

Shelley currently serves on the boards of Otis Worldwide and Kontoor Brands, where he is on the audit committees and nominating and governance committees. Shelley served on the board of directors of Cleco Corporation, a Louisiana regulated utility for five years until the sale of the company in April 2016, where he was chair of the nominating and governance committee. He was elected chairman of the Billion Dollar Roundtable Inc. (BDR), where he helps to shape the strategic direction of the BDR, a top-level advocacy organization that promotes corporate supplier diversity excellence and advances best practices through its member companies. Shelley currently serves in several capacities with Howard University. He is on the Board of Trustees for the University as well as chairing the board of visitors for the school of business where he founded the supply chain program. Shelley also serves on the board of Governors for the University of New Haven. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Drexel University Center of Corporate

Governance and a Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors. Shelley is the co-author "Straight to the Bottom Line" An Executive's Roadmap to World Class Supply Management, Q. Ross Publishing).

Shelley holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University and received his MBA from the University of New Haven. He currently resides in North Palm Beach, Florida

## **Panelists:**



### **Jason Gallo**

**VP Global Partners – Cisco**

Jason brings expertise in business, finance, and engineering to drive global success. His deep understanding of the partner ecosystem and leadership and focus on profitability has led to growth. Jason's adept ability to apply financial knowledge and fuse that with technology is a trademark of his initiatives.

Jason is Vice President of Cisco's Global Partner Organization, where he leads a team that drives comprehensive global channel strategies with 50,000+ global Cisco Partners. Jason leads the partner go-to-market strategy for Cisco's portfolio emphasizing networking, cloud, security, observability, and IoT.

Jason was named one of the Top 100 under 50 Executive Leaders for 2019 by Diversity MBA magazine. He has participated in various analyst panels and has been a main speaker for Cisco global partner events with crowds of more than 4,000 attendees. Jason is a frequent contributor to publications like CRN and Channel Daily News.

Jason is one of the executive sponsors of the Cisco Social Justice Initiative and co-founder of the Alpha Phi Alpha Endowed Scholarship at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Jason received his MBA from The University of Chicago, a Master of Engineering from Washington State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Jason enjoys challenging endurance races and time with his wife & two children.



## Farryn Melton

### Chief Procurement Officer - Bristol Myers Squibb

Farryn is the SVP, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) for Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS). Her team is responsible aligning with company's business strategy to optimize value, drive efficiency and manage the company's 3rd party spend. With revenues in excess of \$40B, her team is responsible for managing the company's external spend of ~\$12B; from early research to distribution. In addition to Global Procurement, Third Party Risk Management and Supplier Relationship Management, she is responsible for the Strategy to Contract, Travel and Fleet global process and operations. She leads a diverse team of over 400 + colleagues around the world and manages several large external partnerships.

Farryn has a 25-year career in procurement and business management, including key leadership positions with Fortune 100 companies to include Amgen, Novartis, Pfizer, Warner-Lambert, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Boeing and Rockwell International. She successfully led the transformation of several procurement organizations to become "best in class."

Ms. Melton is a lifetime certified purchasing manager (CPM) and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She has received a number of external recognitions in her field; the most recent include being inducted into the WBE Hall of Fame as 2019 Executive Award Honoree, 2019 Strategic Executive of the Year by the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), Top 100 Women in Diversity in 2016 and 2017, 2016 CPO of the year from the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), 2015 National Association of Purchasing Managers Executive of the Year among many.

Farryn is active in the Procurement field, and passionate about diversity and inclusion. She serves on the executive committee for the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and on the board of Howard University Supply Chain Program. She also serves on the executive committee & board of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), and actively supports The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) and Diversity Alliance for Science (DA4S). She also sits on the BMS Historically Black University (HBU) sponsorship committee; leads the Diversity & Inclusion Council for BMS Global Business Operations for and sits on the Global Diversity & Inclusion Council within BMS. She is a mentor to several colleagues (within and outside), of BMS.

Ms. Melton enjoys the arts/music, gardening, reading, and spending time with family. She currently resides in PA with her husband Gary of 31 years, two children, Halli and Alexander, dog Bella and Cat Simon.



## **Lauren Richardson**

**Chief Procurement Officer - Colgate-Palmolive**

Lauren Richardson is Chief Procurement Officer for the Colgate-Palmolive Company. Lauren leads a global organization responsible for transforming procurement for all goods and services in the more than 200 countries and territories where the company's brands are sold. She has created and implemented sourcing and supply network strategies to advance the company's commercial and financial goals. Lauren is passionate about talent development and builds collaborative teams who drive innovation and sustainable sourcing to achieve both the economic and social ambitions of the company.

A lifelong learner, Lauren applies insights from many external sources to elevate team capabilities and engagement, including digital procurement, supplier diversity and business continuity. The focus on strengthening Colgate's external partnerships has fostered growth and agility to overcome business challenges in a swiftly evolving world. Lauren also leads the Global Project Management team responsible for implementing projects that deliver strategic advantage in growth, innovation and efficiency.

Before joining Colgate in 2016, Lauren held chief procurement roles at Starbucks Coffee Company and L Brands. In both roles, Lauren led global procurement teams to deliver supply continuity during significant expansion and sustainability initiatives. She prioritized culture shaping, strategic relationships and systems integration as a means to build teams and automate processes.

Previously, Lauren's experience covers a broad spectrum of functions, including senior leadership roles in Finance, Marketing and General Management, working in many parts of the world for Diageo, Sara Lee and Huhtamaki. She has deep experience in orchestrating turnaround performance, mergers and acquisitions, and in creating strong financial teams that serve as key business partners. Lauren has served in Finance and fundraising roles on nonprofit boards for the development of small businesses, girls education, and removing barriers for people with disabilities. Lauren holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



## **Kimberly Evans**

**EVP Head of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusion and Social Impact  
Northern Trust Corporation**

Kim is an Executive Vice President and the Head of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusion and Social Impact at Northern Trust. She is responsible for the enterprise strategies that guide the firm's practices for Sustainability & ESG, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Community Development & Investing. Prior to this role she led the North America Private Capital Fund Administration business which doubled in revenue, tripled in clients and significantly increased client satisfaction within 3 years. Kim also previously served as the Head of Governmental, Sovereign Wealth, and Taft Hartley pension and treasury funds in the US, Central and South America, a mature business that grew 27% in revenue and 38% in AUC within 2 ½ years. She also led the Global Client Accounting Practice, responsible for financial reporting and accounting for all client segments.

With over 25 years of experience, Kim is a business transformation expert. She has developed, led, and executed business and change strategies for five financial services organizations, managed teams in six countries, and has implemented institutional programs impacting thousands of financial services professionals throughout her career.

Kim is a highly sought-after speaker on developing and executing business strategies, creating career success and overcoming personal and professional obstacles as a black woman in the financial services industry. Her speaking engagements include: large industry conferences as a keynote speaker/expert/moderator/panelist; women's organizations and initiatives; delivering business workshops and seminars; nonprofit boards and organizations; commencement addresses; and career day seminars for college and high school students.

Kim is a powerful, authentic, and engaging speaker that leaves audiences energized and ready to take action. Her personal story and professional results take the listener on a journey of courage, determination, and compassion to bring others along. Using examples from her experience, she tells stories that grab the hearts and minds of her audience and leaves them encouraged and empowered to do more, for themselves, their families, their businesses, and their broader communities. It is impossible to leave a session with Kim uninspired. She extends her dynamic personality, immeasurable character and integrity, and unwavering commitment to lift as she climbs.



Kim graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and has earned numerous business, leadership, and technical certifications throughout her career.

Kim served as the President of the Women In Leadership Business Resource Council (WIL BRC) at Northern Trust, which she led to become a nationally recognized and award-winning employee resource group. She has been named one of the Iconic 22 from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Chicago Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, a 2021 Leader That Can, one of the 50 Leading Women in the 2020 Hedge Fund Journal, a Chicago United 2019 Business Leader of Color Honoree, a Leading Women’s Executive Alumni, and a three-time Chairman’s Award recipient. She was also recognized as a Leader in Philanthropy by the University of Chicago and currently serves on the boards of the Chicago Public Education Fund (The Fund) and the Chicago Urban League. She is a distinctive member of C200, a powerful community of successful businesswomen and the Economic Club of Chicago.

Kim is married to the love of her life, Mark R. Killion, and the bonus Mom to Joshua S. Killion. She grew up on the Southside of Chicago, in the greater Woodlawn community with her Mom and two brothers. From humble beginnings and educated in Chicago Public Schools, Kim and her brothers were the first in their family to graduate college and obtain professional career roles. Kim’s career accomplishments would not be possible without the love and support from her family and friends. She loves spending quality time traveling with family and friends.