The noted futurist, Alvin Toffler, once said, “The illiterate of the future will not be those who cannot read. It will be those who do not know how to learn.”

The impact of technology on the future of our work remains uncertain. While some observers believe newer technologies will reduce the number of available jobs in the future, others strongly contend they will instead increase the number of significant job opportunities.

The truth is that even with the availability of new technologies, half of all jobs are not going away anytime soon. Many experts believe such shifts will take decades, because transforming the workplace involves not only technological change, but societal change as well.

One thing is certain: the future will belong to those that prepare for it. Thus, your organization’s destiny is ultimately a matter of choice, not chance. Choosing to effectively plan for it in critical areas is bringing the future into the present. You then have a real opportunity to begin doing something about all of this now.

In this annual showcase session we will closely examine how some leading influencers are trying to productively shape how our respective futures will play out, as well as how we all need to responsively prepare,…now!

The “CIO Solutions Gallery” series is an ongoing nationally acclaimed forum where senior IT leaders and their business peers come together in a comfortable setting to share their experiences and insights, as well as collectively and collaboratively attack common issues. Uniquely organized around “peer learning”, this provocative program has received high praise among participating CIOs and other senior executives in the technology and/or operations leadership community. It helps to build an improved and creative personal network of peers and executives devoted to sharing best practices, renewing their skills on an ongoing basis, and raising the level of technical “literacy” and effectiveness within their organizations.

There is no cost to invited senior leaders. Sponsoring opportunities are available for invited technology product and service providers.
“Opening Dinner; Laying A Foundation For The Future”

September 9, 2019

Mankind’s sustainable journey into the future depends heavily upon the existence of an ideal launchpad for our next generation of trailblazers. This is not going to just somehow happen. It is predicated upon the prerequisite dedication of our current leadership in building an active platform for relevant future-faced learning. This must address more than basic technical skills. It must also effectively address essential supporting skills like teamwork, leadership, and communication.

In this opening session one highly acclaimed leader shares the amazing story of her personal mission to build this launchpad through promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM/STEAM) skills among our community of next generation leaders,…all demonstrated through the exciting example of spaceflight as its foundation.

Agenda:

5pm  Registration and Welcoming Reception

6:10pm  Welcoming Remarks

- Mr. Bob Mick  
  Director; Professional Programs  
  The Ohio State University  
  College Of Engineering

6:15pm  Opening Remarks and Context Setting

- Mr. Bruce Barnes  
  Program Co-Founder  
  The Ohio State University  
  and Host For The Session

6:30pm  Evening Keynote Address  

"Achieving Higher Orbits Of Learning"

- Ms. Michelle Lucas  
  Founder and President; Higher Orbits  
  Veteran of NASA International Space Station (ISS)  
  Flight Control Operations Planning Group  
  Former ISS Astronaut Instructor

7:15pm  Working Dinner

Each table of participants will discuss an assigned issue emanating from the keynote discussion, then deriving a consensus of next steps that the table feels are appropriate, which will then be shared with the room.

8:15pm  Report Backs
“Confidence Is Borne Out Of Preparation”

September 10, 2019

As Coach Bobby Knight once said, “I don’t believe in luck. I believe in preparation.” Effective preparation brings its own luck.

Every single industry and organization has its own “digital destiny” -- an inevitable and unavoidable future that will be shaped by the rising forces of digital technology. There are no exceptions here. As a result, the choice for every company is simple: either find a way to ride this rising wave or be completely washed away by it.

The associated sense of urgency in the C-Suite is already intense. According to recent research by Forrester, 93% of corporate executives believe digital technologies will disrupt their existing business model in the next year or two! Yet, only 15% of those executives believe their companies currently have the requisite digital skills and processes to succeed in today’s transformation economy. They must have missed Coach Knight’s message.

Clearly, this looming digital transformation cannot be treated as just another project or corporate initiative – a mere adjunct to the everyday business that can somehow be bolted on to what the company already does. Rather, it must be baked into the very DNA of the organization, driving a deep and transformational change – often to the core business and processes themselves – before the company's existing business model becomes obsolete.

There is no quick fix for this. But it can be achieved. The choice is yours.

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7:00am Breakfast Available
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8:30am Morning Keynote
“Re-Shaping Your Organizational Destiny”

In order for CIOs to evolve IT from an antiquated cost center support function into a desired strategic business partner role, they must begin by demonstrating the multiple ways digital technology brings true business value across their organizations. It starts with a choosing to make a leadership commitment to freeing IT’s future from the pull of its past. Listen as this widely renowned senior leadership advisor walks you through a proven process to do just that.

Mr. Peter Moore  
President; Wild Oak Enterprises  
Internationally Renowned Strategy and Technology Advisor

9:30am  Break

10:15am  “People Still Come First”

Over the past decade, IT jobs have grown more than eight times faster than other jobs. And yet, companies still often struggle to hire enough workers for game-changing IT-intensive tasks (like AI), in turn suggesting the presence of a skills gap regarding jobs with digital and technical requirements. Does this point out the need for additional training, requiring new models of education to help individuals (and companies) acquire the skills and habits they need to stay competitive?

Mr. Mike Guggemos  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Arizona Technology Council

11:00am  “Finding That Effective Balance”

The shifting platform of revolutionary times introduces threats and opportunities at the same time. This complicates things. It has been said that if things seem under control, you are just not going fast enough. After all, only those who risk going too far will find out just how far it is possible to go. Today’s complicated threat landscape requires a rigorous, yet balanced approach to risk and cyber security that goes beyond prevention to include rapid detection and response. So, how do you find that equilibrium?

Mr. Rich Korn  
Global Security Manager  
Masergy

Noon  Lunch
1:15pm  
**Afternoon Keynote**

*“Laying The Groundwork For Opportunity”*

Technology is changing everything about the way we live, the way we learn, and the way we work. We need to adapt. To this point Ohio has a rich history in being at the forefront of business and industry advancement. If that is now to continue, we must shape an aggressive and innovative path toward better enabling opportunity for growth in all parts of the state, including those that may have begun to fall behind – both in our urban centers and our rural communities. How are we going about that?

Mr. Ervan Rodgers II  
*Chief Information Officer*  
*State of Ohio*

2:15pm  
Break

2:30pm  
**“Fighting Inertia And Picking Up Speed”**

Staying relevant and responsive in pivotal enterprise areas is always a tall order. That pressure doubles down when the pace of revolutionary change within those areas accelerates at the same time. All industry verticals struggle with that, yet our public sector sometimes struggles more than most. Still, there are many opportunities there for cross-functional leverage and learning to speed those changes. In this piece we take a closer look at how that is happening. Perhaps we can all learn something here.

Mr. Doug Robinson  
*Executive Director*  
*National Assn. of State CIOs (NASCIO)*

3:15pm  
**“Using Analytics In Shaping Your Workforce”**

The competition for talented resources is getting more intense. It follows that organizations that maintain a high level of “people awareness”, both in acquiring and maintaining top talent, consistently outperform their peers. As a result, those advanced organizations are applying directed analytics to enhance their insights and maturity of their employee lifecycle processes. Learn how one noted enterprise is doing just that.

Ms. Sunny (Sandhya) Patel  
*Director, People Analytics and Insights*  
*Cardinal Health*
4:00pm Wrap-Up and Adjourn

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