

Speaker Bio's – Cowtown Quality Roundup 2024

Order: alphabetically by last name

Rolando Colindres-Bran Feb 2024

Summary:

Rolando Colindres-Bran is a top-performing, solutions-driven executive with 25+ years of experience leading organizations into accelerated growth. Providing direction, developing and nurturing proactive working relationships with investors, bankers, business partners, and other personnel critical to corporate growth, expansion, and profitability. He has over thirty years of experience in manufacturing and service systems; including strategic deployment, operations management, total quality, and continuous improvement.

Areas of Expertise:

Rolando specializes in leading organizations into accelerated growth. Emphasis in collaboration and coaching choosing strategy with the leadership team, developing tactics, and executing actions with predictive controls. Designing, controlling, and managing the production and inventory systems. Striving for balancing the demand with the transformation system according to the organizations needs and vision.

His approach is crafted by a mix of principles embodied under various sources of knowledge, including years of experience, Factory Physics, Theory of Constraints, Lean Management Systems, Lean Six Sigma, ISO Management Systems, and Operations Excellence, among others.

Chris Colaw Apr 2024

Christopher “Chris” Colaw is a Lockheed Martin Fellow with expertise in digital transformation, inspection technology, automation, 3D modeling, and quality management systems. In this role, he is responsible for a quality and digital transformation portfolio valued at over \$200M in cost savings for Lockheed Martin.

This savings performance is complimented with the creation of three intellectual property patent filings, one trade secret, and receipt of a 2022 Environmental Safety & Health Excellence Award for application of Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things solutions to reduce injuries and lost time associated with elevated space workplace hazards. Additionally, Chris was selected in 2021 as one of the “Top 100 Visionaries in Education” by the Global Forum for Education and Learning for his contributions to development of global university talent.

Recently in 2023 Chris joined Southern Methodist University in a new capacity as the Executive Director for Industrial Partnerships and the new Center for Digital and Human-Augmented Manufacturing (formerly known as the Research Center for Advanced Manufacturing).

Chris holds a Master of Science Degree in Management, Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, all from Southern Methodist University. Chris is also a Certified Manager of Quality and Organizational Excellence from the American Society of Quality.

Ted Ditch

Mar 2017

Over 30 years of experience in the medical device and pharmaceutical industry in quality assurance and quality engineering. Started at Pfizer and later first retirement from Alcon. Retired a second time from AmeriPac, a contract packaging company as the Director, Quality Assurance.

Instructor for CQE exam preparation for the Fort Worth Chapter for the American Society for Quality (ASQ).

Master's in Engineering Management from University of Texas at Arlington.

ASQ Certified Quality Engineer (CQE), Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB), Quality Auditor (CQA), Quality Improvement Analyst (CQIA) and Quality Manager/Organization Excellence (CMQ)

Exemplar Global certified lead auditor for ISO 9001 and ISO 13485.

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Kelly Gallagher

Mar 2024

Transformational Group and Individual Coaching

With decades of front-line corporate experience and documented success in business development and team leadership, Kelly is one of a select group of strategy and negotiation professionals who is also ICF credentialed, experienced and highly successful as an executive coach, trainer, and facilitator. Every workshop or coaching engagement Gallagher delivers is fully customized and unique based on specific client needs, resources, and objectives.

Education, Certifications and Affiliations:

- Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, BS in Education and Life Sciences
- University of Texas, Dallas Graduate School of Business, MS Management and Organizational Behavior
- ICF Credentialed Executive Coach, graduate of Executive Coaching Program at UTD
- NLP Certification
- Marketplace Culture Assessment Certification
- M-Code (Motivation Code) Facilitator
- International Coaching Federation Ark-OK Chapter Program Director
- ICF North Texas MCC Link

Fun Fact: Kelly competes in triathlon and will travel to the US Nationals this Summer in Atlantic City as well as compete in USAT Ironman competition this Fall.

Tony George

Feb 2024

Speaker: **Tony George**, Quality Engineer, Master Meter, Inc

- Tony has worked for 20+ years in various quality roles including Quality Manager, Internal & Supplier Quality Auditor, and ISO 9001 Quality Management System Representative in industries such as Packaging, Plastic Injection Molding, and Water Management Technology.
- Tony holds a BS in Industrial Engineering and Management from North Dakota State University.
- Tony is a retired US Army NG Officer where he served in Field Artillery and Intelligence roles.
- Tony is a Senior Member of ASQ and has served as a member the Ft Worth Section Leadership Committee several times in a variety of roles.
- Tony holds ASQ certifications: CQA, CSQP and CQIA.

Stacey Givens

Mar 2024

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John Jennings

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John has forty-two years of experience in manufacturing as a Quality Technician, QA Engineer, Reliability Engineer, QMS Auditor, QA Manager, Quality System Manager and Director of Performance Excellence, at KARLEE, Garland, Texas 1999 recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

He graduated from UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) with a BSEE in Telecommunications and a MSES in Engineering Sciences from UTD in Electronic Manufacturing.

John is an ASQ Fellow with forty-two years in ASQ, a past-chair of the ASQ Dallas Section 1402. He currently holds ASQ certifications as CQE, CRE, CSQE, CQA, CBA, CMI, CQT, CMQ/OE, CSSGB, and CSSBB.

He is an Exemplar Global Certified ISO 9001:2015 QMS Lead Auditor and is certified by NARTE (The National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers, Inc.) as an ESDC (ESD Control) Engineer.

He is currently the Mentor Chair for the Dallas ASQ Section 1402 and the Program Chair for the DFW Audit Special Interest Group. John retired as the Quality Assurance Manager for Bowhead Manufacturing Technologies, LLC-Plano Texas, where he was instrumental in obtaining certification to ISO9001:2015 and AS9100:2016.

Kent Newtown

Mar 2024

Kent has 40 plus years of engineering, manufacturing and operations support experience with Texas Instruments, MEMC Electronic Materials Inc. and Raytheon. Kent has also worked as a consultant in Dr. Eli Goldratt's Viable Vision program.

He became involved with Theory Of Constraints, Product Flow, and Cycle Time Improvement as a charter member of the TI Jonah Network. Results greater than 50% inventory reduction with 75% lot cycle time improvement have been achieved in TOC implementations all over the world. Kent has been able to convert suppliers that could not deliver on time, to consistent on time delivery to customer needs.

Kent holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Florida. He is a certified Jonah through Baylor University and the Avraham Y. Goldratt Institute and is a charter member of the TOC-ICO (International Certification Organization).

Kent retired as the World-Wide Operations Improvement Manager from MEMC in Jan 2002, continuing to promote Constraint Management and Focused Lean Methods, through Workshops and contract assignments. Kent joined Raytheon in 2007 and is a Certified Material Program Manager, focusing past successes toward Raytheon's Supply chain and retired again in 2016.

He has taught TOC and Focused Lean fundamentals as part of University of Texas at Dallas, Supply Chain EMBA and Lean / Six Sigma certification programs.

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Peter Stamps

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Peter is an independent assessor with LRQA where he is the lead auditor for steel and concrete water pipe quality management system certification audits as well as performing ISO 9001 assessments.

Prior to this role, he was the Director of Quality for 13 years for a major manufacturer of steel and concrete water pipe, with responsibility for quality assurance at ten facilities in the US and Canada.

He is a past Chair of the ASQ Greater Fort Worth Section and was an instructor for the section's CQIA certification refresher course. He holds ASQ CMQ/OE, CQA and CQIA certifications, and is an Exemplar Global QMS Lead Auditor.

Edward Richards Feb 2024

Ed.D., M.S, B.S, A.S

Adjunct Faculty Tarleton State University, Mayfield College of Engineering, Department of Engineering Technology. Teach Graduate Level Program in Quality and Engineering Management.

Develop and deliver graduate level Engineering Management Courses including: Introduction to Engineering Quality and Leadership, Project Management, Six Sigma Analysis, Project Financial Risk Management, and Engineering Research. Assess student course performance. Analyze student feedback and complete end of course improvement assessment. Partner with program steering committee to develop and update program needs. Coordinate with department faculty for teaching across the curriculum alignment.

Education:

- 1981 - AS Aerospace Technology: College of the US Air Force
- 1985 - BS Operations Management: Troy University
- 1991 - MS Industrial Engineering: East Texas State University
- 1997 - EdD Engineering Education: Texas A&M University
- 2005 - Post Doctoral Studies: Carnegie Mellon University

Professional Career:

- 1969-1989: US Air Force
- 1989-1997: General Dynamics
- 1997-2002: Cadence Design Systems
- 2002-2014: Lockheed Martin Aerospace

Faculty Positions Held:

- 1996-1998: Adjunct Faculty: Columbia College
- 1999-2011: Adjunct Faculty: University of Dallas

Linda Westfall Mar 2016

Linda Westfall is the president of The Westfall Team, which provides software engineering, software quality engineering, and software project management training and consulting services. Linda has more than 35 years of experience in real time software engineering, quality, and metrics. She has worked as a software engineer, systems analyst, process engineer, and manager.

Linda is a past chair of the ASQ Software Division and has served as the Division's Program Chair and Certification Chair and on the ASQ National Certification Board. Linda also teaches multiple courses through ASQ Learning offerings.

Linda was a significant contributor to the PMBOK editions 3 and 4. Linda is the author of "The Certified Software Quality Engineer Handbook". She has a PE in Software Engineering, and is an ASQ CSQE, CMQ/OE, CQA, CBA, a PMI certified PMP, a Certified Scrum Master and Product Owner and holds other certifications.

Linda and her husband share a hobby of building and shooting fireworks and Linda is a Grand Master of the Pyrotechnic Guild International.

John Wright Feb 2024

John Wright is President and Founder of Simple Leadership Strategies, a talent development company that specializes in leadership development, employee engagement, team building, and creating customer advocates.

Through a process called heart learning, he helps organizations transform customers into advocates, work groups into teams, employees into partners, and managers into leaders. These transformations result in operational excellence, improved financial performance, and changed lives.

Training managers and developing leaders for over thirty years, John is a Certified Seminar Leader (CSL) with the American Seminar Leader's Association and has presented seminars in 34 cities in the US, and in 11 countries in South America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

He is a Past President of the Fort Worth chapter of the Association for Talent Development.