

# Career Day 2017

Nels Hawkinson - Co-Founder & President of Basketball Travelers A King's parent, Nels company is the pre-eminent firm for organizing summer travel tours for NCAA (M) and (W) Division I basketball teams and also owns national, international, and HS tournaments. After 30 years of doing this, Nels has practically every college coach on speed dial and his firm is known for the integrity and faith perspective it brings to the marketplace. Nels is a dynamic speaker and really unique. His friends will often joke, "when Nels was created, God broke the mold and didn't make any more like him." Get some perspective on life's many turns from Nels and how injecting "fun" into everything you do is a key to joy in life.

John Sage - Chief of Staff, Melinda Gates On the surface, John has a traditional story and career - Eagle Scout, Stanford undergrad, Harvard MBA, but his life has followed many different twists and turns and is a unique blend of business, non-profit work, and faith. John has worked in DC, at Apple, Microsoft, was on the cutting edge of the Internet at Starwave/ESPN/ABCNews and then chucked it all to create a non-profit coffee company (Pura Vida) with proceeds going to an orphanage in Costa Rica. Today, he is the Chief of Staff to Melinda Gates and at the center of Seattle's focus on helping the poor both domestically and worldwide. A fabulous communicator, John has two boys in college, and a 13-year-old, so you'll find him well able to connect with high school students.

Kimberley Kemper - Director, Expert Counsel, Starbucks After 17 years at Starbucks, you'd think Kim's career would be synonymous with "traditional law path", but then you learn so much more and the word, "circuitous" comes to mind. Kim is a graduate of Seattle U Law ('89), but prior to that, obtained her undergrad in physical education and taught high school. From there, she opened an H&R Block office, and then a retail operation for high-performance race car drivers. It was seven years after undergrad, and as a mother of two that she enrolled in Seattle U's law school part-time evening program. She thought she'd be a litigator, worked at Bogle & Gates for six years, and then found her calling working with Starbucks 200,000+ employee partners. If you'd like learn how someone as talented as Kim has managed to balance work, family, life, and faith through many different journeys, join her sessions.

Brian Ratzliff - Co-founder, Creative Spark, a Technology Startup "Weird and Eclectic" is how Brian asked for his bio to be written. You've probably seen him around Kings taking thousands of photos for sports and social events, and some think he's probably a frustrated high school teacher. He comes from a multi-generational family that was committed to pastoring and being missionaries in Ethiopia, where he grew up, but he never felt that calling. Instead, he got his undergrad and MBA in business, worked in politics for five years, abandoned his native Canada for the love of a woman, and found his true calling in technology startups. He was once the program manager for ESPN.com and NBA.com, launched and sold his own tech firm, and is now launching a new startup in social media. In his own words, "if an organization gets to be over 100 people, I probably need to leave." Hear how Brian's faith, work, and family has intertwined with his love for life and all the crazy opportunities it brings.

Rich Hurst - VP of HR/Talent, Tempered Networks If you looked at a career arc next to Rich's life, "unusual" would be a good descriptor. Holding a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Seminary, Rich has had a full life leading youth and young adults groups from University Presbyterian to the Crystal Cathedral, McLean Bible Virginia, and points in-between. An amazing communicator focused on leadership development, Rich has also consulted to groups as diverse as the US Airforce, Southern Baptist, Catholic Diocese of LA, and many more. He's also owned a B&B, and with his wife Kim, co-developed a unique service mission for churches, called, "Vacations with a Purpose." Today, he leads HR at a cutting-edge Seattle technology company that has raised \$30 million and is poised for rapid growth.

Vicky Oxley - Region Vice President, Comcast/NBC Universal Vicky's Linked-in says it all, "creating high-performance cultures where employees and customers thrive." Come hear how an undergrad in French Studies has led a life of continued growth in sales and organizational change from Xerox to AT&T, McCaw Cellular, internet startup, Frontier and more. An accomplished opera singer, Vicky combines her love for people with a desire to help the poor, with involvement in Rotary, Peace Tree's Vietnam, and Habitat for Humanity. If you want to hear from a leader who matches business success, with the ability to lead people and organizations, Vicky is a good match.

Mark Weber - CEO/Founder - Weber Marketing Group How does an Army brat who grew up in Hawaii, graduated ASU, recovered from the bankruptcy of the Savings & Loan industry, and started his own firm from a desk in his home, become a nationally recognized 30-year branding and marketing veteran of the financial services industry with an award winning ad agency in Seattle? Mark's life is a living example of leadership, perseverance, and an openness to God's calling to have an impact both professionally and in a philanthropic way. In his spare time, Mark has played an important role with NGO's in Africa and Central America, where he has served on the Board for many years at Agros International. If you want to learn about marketing, branding, and philanthropy, come hear Mark talk about navigating life's twists and turns.

Cameron Foster - President/Founder, FosterEasley Sports Management Group From the farmland of Yakima to UW and University of Puget Sound, Cameron was a law school intern at a Seattle firm when fate brought former Seahawk Kenny Easley through the door. From that date, some 27 years ago, the NFL player representation firm, FosterEasley was born with a unique take on the player/agency match. With over \$500 million in player contracts negotiated, Cameron is noted for his longevity and integrity in a field that tends to have a short shelf-life for both players and agents. Come hear about Cameron's very unique journey and his lessons for life....the importance of effort, commitment, relationship building, and seeing opportunity where others only see barriers.

Channah Hanberg- Digital Media Manager I received my undergrad degree in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing from Seattle Pacific University. During my senior year of college, I was able to land a 6 month long internship at KOMO TV as an audience coordinator for a live afternoon show. During this internship, I realized my passion to be in the media industry. My first job out of college was a sales assistant at Q13. I then went on to work on the advertising agency side of things at Destination Marketing and NationAd as a TV and Radio buyer. I expanded into interactive media buying at NationAd and became really interested in growing my career in the digital advertising realm. For the past 9 years I have been serving at SPIRIT 105.3, KCIS AM, PRAISE 106.5 and SPIRIT 105.9 and currently hold the title of Digital Media Manager.

Robb Waldburger- Project Manager, GLY Construction I graduated from King's in 2004 and knew I wanted to "build things" (about my sophomore year I realized I liked construction more than architecture) so I loaded my truck and drove east to Washington State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Construction Management. 4-years later I had a degree and a job working as a Project Engineer for a large general contractor in Spokane. I left that company after building a 4-story luxury condo building in Lake Chelan and working on the expansion and renovation of Skyline High School. Next I started building homes, and managed construction on some very high end coffee shops in Seattle. I am currently a Project Manager for GLY Construction, where I oversee the design, budgets and construction (and timely completion!) of major projects out at Microsoft. I still love to "build things" and have made a career doing just that!

Jenay Trautmann- Teacher, Special Education I attended Azusa Pacific University in Pasadena, California to play tennis, and began working towards my Psychology major. After two years, and tutoring two young boys down the street from the college, I decided I wanted to work with struggling students. I changed my major to Liberal Studies at the end of my sophomore year and took classes at the local community college to make sure I would graduate on time. After undergrad, I went to Grad school in San Diego, where I received a Master's Degree in Special Education. My first year of teaching was full of complete heartache and I never thought I would survive. Nine years later I am loving my job, and the journey I took to get here.

Kendra Waldburger- Pediatric Nurse, Cardiac ICU I took an interest in nursing at an early age and felt like it was my clear calling. I graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from UW and began working at Seattle Children's hospital during nursing school. I took a job immediately after graduation in the PICU (pediatric intensive care) at Children's and eventually branched out to the cardiac ICU. I have now found my niche working with a very specific group of babies who were born with a severe type of heart defect.

Andy Nevens- Fire Captain/Investigator/Inspector After high school I went to UW, balancing football and studying for a degree in construction management. I began working for Unimark Construction Group, a small general contractor that specialized in commercial tenant improvements and renovations. In my late 20's, I switched careers and joined the fire department. I've been with Tukwila Fire for 12 years, recently promoted to Captain and currently working in the fire marshal's office as a fire investigator / inspector.

Claire Deering- College Professor, English I studied English in college at the prompting of a King's teacher, who, despite my quiet demeanor, saw a spark of potential. I enjoyed my college classes so much, I continued on, earning a master's degree in English. Since then, I have worked as a staff writer for a FORTUNE 500 company, taught high school and college writing, wrote advertising copy, and traveled to the Caribbean to write website copy for resorts and luxury real estate companies. Currently, I work part-time for a small Christian college, where I teach an online English course and help with online curriculum development.

Kevin Urie-President/Founder,47Harmonic-an integrated marketing consulting agency & Director of Marketing, Hyper Hippo, a mobile gaming studio Kevin received his undergraduate degree in Marketing. Over the past 16 years he has held the following positions; Account Coordinator of direct mail response at The Domain Group, Account Director for TV/Radio/Print at Destination Marketing, Director of Digital at Destination Marketing , VP of Social Media for Spring Creek Group/Interpublic Group, President of 47Harmonic, an Integrated Marketing Consulting Agency, Director of Data Science at Microsoft and Publicis, and currently Head of Marketing at Hyper Hippo, a mobile gaming studio. With the marketing space changing at rapid speeds, Kevin is constantly pushing to be on the forefront of current trends and technology within the marketing world. Kevin is a great example of being a lifelong learner that is capable of adapting to the fast-paced changes that technology is dictating.

Jeff Hussey, CEO & Founder, Tempered Networks A graduate of SPU, and UW MBA, Jeff is a serial entrepreneur who is famously known for having founded F5 Networks in 1994 to help many of the challenging scaling problems associated with the commercial internet. Jeff is now off on a new adventure, founding Tempered Networks in the internet security space and raising \$30 million to get it started. Way back in the day, Jeff got his start diving and cleaning boat bottoms in South Lake Union before moving on to selling Bloomberg terminals before anyone knew what they were. As an aside, Jeff would classify himself as a consummate introvert, so don't think you need to be a gregarious extrovert to be an entrepreneur. If you want to get a lead on the key life lessons to being a successful entrepreneur, attend Jeff's sessions.

Brandon Hill- Concept and Portrait Photographer Brandon's photography is seen in advertising campaigns, magazines and publishing. Through his personal and assignment work, his goal is to draw a distinct response; from laughter to bewilderment. Some of his recent clients include **Time Magazine, BuzzFeed, Southwest Airlines, Facebook, Instagram, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Purina.** His recent series, "SNL Jr" and MaddStunts has been featured on BuzzFeed, ABC News Online, Huffington Post, Feature Shoot, Global Yodel and DiY Photography.

Myrle Carner- Criminal Investigator, Seattle Police Dept. Myrle is the current Director of Media & Public Relations for Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound, covering King, Snohomish, Kitsap & Island Counties-serving over 4.2 million people. He has served with the Seattle Police Department for over 45 years and served most of his career in the Criminal Investigation Division. Mr. Carner is former Co-Host of a CNN & FOX Radio police show entitled "Cop Talk." He is a CBS TV Crime Prevention specialist and has served as a Police Executive Protection instructor. He has been a television spokesman for a number of police films including "Manhunt Live... the Search for the Green River Killer." Some of his professional awards include; ASIS Lifetime Achievement Award; Co-Winner of a TV Emmy for a movie entitled "NW Crackdown" ; Selected to "Who's Who in Law Enforcement" and a 2 time winner of the prestigious "Crime Stopper Police Coordinator of the Year" award. Mr. Carner is also the former National President of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers. He is currently a law enforcement spokesman for the Fox Television Show entitled "Washington's Most Wanted." Mr. Carner is heavily involved in his community and was the President of the Emerald City Rotary Club in Seattle, Washington. He is also the Founder of the Aurora Kids Club Foundation and currently serves as a High School golf Coach in Shoreline, WA. Mr. Carner has given over 1,100 public speeches on a number of Law Enforcement issues.

Shawna Skjonsberg-Fotopoulos- Attorney Throughout my career I have been training, advising and counseling law enforcement clients. As an attorney, I have been in-house counsel for a major metropolitan police department and in-house counsel for a police union. Examples of my practice areas/duties for those positions include the following: contracts/agreements, civil lawsuits, arbitration, employment/labor law, internal governance, policy development, investigations, risk management, and immigration. Prior to law school, I was a crime analyst for a sheriff's office and an IT consultant for criminal justice agencies around the nation. I attended Seattle University for law school after completing my Master of Arts in Criminal Justice at Washington State University and my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of Washington.

Gordon Bakke-Aviation I was the Executive Director of MATA (Missionary Aviation Training Academy) from August 2005 to the end of September 2016. Since the summer of 2002, Bible Camp Ministry in Alaska has been one of my passions and I have been up there 11 summers. I love seeing kids come to know the Lord Jesus. As a teenager, for several years I was involved in a Kings Teens Club and then after high school when I was living in Seattle I helped with a couple of clubs. My Dad's sister Alice married Mike Martin's brother Harold so I had had more than a casual interest in Kings Gardens, now CRISTA since its beginning.

Dale & Margaret Largent- Foreign Service & HR for the State Department Dale worked in the Foreign Service for 25 years after a few years in teaching, print journalism, and publishing. Margaret worked in Human Resource for the State Department and various embassies and consulates for several years, sprinkled with some time as a translator for Voice of America and print journalism work.

Charlie Beck- Photography Char Beck graduated with a degree in Sociology and Business from Seattle Pacific University and has been working to expand his own photography business over the last ten years. Char's career has taken him all over the world from photographing a proposal under the Eiffel Tower to filming the stories of entrepreneurs in Ethiopia. Char is passionate about telling stories through both photography and video, affirming the dignity and self-worth of every person he works with.

Kurt Biederman- Financial Advisor After graduating from college in the Midwest, Kurt moved to Seattle to attend law school at Seattle University. Since receiving his J.D., Kurt began his legal career in mortgage banking law, but ultimately practiced estate planning law in Bellevue. Kurt now works for Coldstream Wealth Management and serves as a relationship manager for the firm's clients, serving as main point of contact and advisor to individuals and families. Kurt's engaging and charismatic personality as well as his law experience make him a great fit for his role now as a financial advisor.

Tyler Eide- Graphic Designer An Oregon native, Tyler studied Visual Communication at Seattle Pacific University and has worked for Xbox, a number of startup companies and done freelance work as a graphic designer before launching his own company, Flint. Flint is a creative design studio in Seattle dedicated to building compelling and creative company branding.