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A Letter from the President



Greetings,

I want to thank all the school champions, mentors, PMO panelists, volunteers, and the core team that managed this year's THEProject 2021 competition. We would not be able to create this event without all of them!

As 2020 was quite a blur and everyone has been trying to stay just above water, our chapter was busy planning the 10th Anniversary of THEProject 2021 Collegiate Project Management competition.

To start, we reached out to all past champions and mentors and asked them almost an impossible task: to form teams for THEProject 2021 competition. We didn't want the pandemic to derail the learnings and guidance we can offer students. We wanted to keep inspiring new project managers in this constantly growing profession. We have had a lot of success stories with students finding internships and full-time positions, being recognized by employers as past participants, and most importantly, hearing the positive student reflections after the competition.

This competition not only prepares students for success in project management careers, but also for what it takes to succeed in life. Learning how to prioritize what is important and making time for those things will pay off in the long term.

This year we were able to form 5 teams. I applaud every single one of the students in this year's competition. The challenges did not derail you; your mentors and champions stood by you and provided support throughout. We hope your journey will not be forgotten and you will remember this experience as valuable and transferable to real life. I am so impressed with your willingness to start and continue on this journey with us. As the saying goes: "The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it." Your agility and determination will help you grow into amazing leaders.

Thanks again to the School Champions, Mentors, PMO panelists, and Executive Judges. Thanks also goes to the entire THEProject 2021 team for their amazing dedication and hard work in these challenging times. Finally, thank you to all of our Sponsors who make the continuation and expansion of this great event possible year after year.

On behalf of the entire WMPMI Board, we wish the best in your future endeavors to all students who participated in the competition this year.

Kinga Winiarska

Kinga Winiarska, PMP, CSM, DASSM, AH-MC
President WMPMI

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THEProject 2021 Timeline



What is THEProject?

This year is the 10th annual competition for the Western Michigan Project Management Institute (WMPMI) collegiate project management competition – THEProject. The Project engages college students in the practice of project management, develops their leadership skills, and provides them with a showcase to demonstrate their leadership abilities with business and community leaders from West Michigan.

Who participates in THEProject?

Student teams comprised of 3 to 6 students from colleges and universities in the Western Michigan area. Although project management tends to favor business, computer science, and engineering curriculums, students of all academic disciplines are highly encouraged to participate. PMP® (project management professional) certified mentors are assigned to each team. In addition, there are faculty champions from each school, a core team of WMPMI members covering a variety of competition responsibilities, and a panel of PMP-certified judges.

Why do students want to participate?

The competition is an excellent tool to teach real world skills to students, to incite an interest in project management as a career, and to ignite an understanding of how complex problems can be solved and solutions delivered using tools that have been honed in real-life situations.

In addition, the members of the finalist teams in the competition receive cash prizes. Non-finalist team members may also receive prizes in a variety of categories during the awards presentation.

What is the format?

Teams are provided a real-life scenario and must provide solutions in the form of a project plan. The assigned PMP-certified mentors teach them how to transform their solutions into project plans using the initiating and planning processes documented in A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (a.k.a., the PMBOK). Teams have a number of deliverables with due dates to pass through the different Phase Gates. Teams are judged on their use of proper project management techniques, the quality of their solutions, and their ability to present their project plans.





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SCENARIO: *Transitioning from brick-and-mortar to a remote or hybrid-school environment*

Brick-and-mortar education refers to education that occurs at a physical school, as opposed to a remote or hybrid-school environment.

Brick-and-mortar is still the dominant approach to education, and although online schooling does have advantages, students and their future employers may prefer the experience of a physical school. Will recent circumstances change that, and will we see more remote and/or hybrid formats in the future since more and more companies have moved their workers to work from home?

What opportunities exist for students and universities in this new normal?

Cuts or consolidation may be required in the new reality moving forward. From a business standpoint, a decision on what will happen if systems are not operating well must be balanced with how to continue to survive as a university—attract new students, provide quality curriculum and continue to grant and confer degrees.

6 Constraints to the Project Plan

TIME: How much time is needed to create, execute, and roll out the plan?

COST: What budget is needed to implement the plan?

SCOPE: What is the scope of this effort?

QUALITY: How will the quality of deliverables be measured?

BENEFITS: What is the value that the project is expected to deliver?

RISK: What are the risks to the plan?

Two Required Plans

A RESOURCE PLAN detailing the individuals required for implementation, roles and responsibilities, and any software or equipment needs.

A MARKETING PLAN detailing how university leaders will be convinced that this is the plan to implement.



THEProject 2021

Opportunities for Operating Models

The student teams have created project plans that protect their university under conditions similar to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have taken into consideration lessons learned from the current situation and identified opportunities for the following models: **Funding, Matriculation, Campus Building, IT Infrastructure, and IT Security.**

FUNDING MODEL: There are several main sources including federal or state funding, grants, donations, tuition and sports revenues. All these different funding streams come together allowing the university to operate. At some point, the government may limit future spending, or may decline to fund completely. Knowing the impact of remote learning on the athletic program recruiting and revenue is important as well.

MATRICULATION MODEL: COVID has caused remote online instruction by necessity and every university now has substantial experience with this process. Universities have a variety of student recruitment channels—local, national, and international—and these may change with shifts as on campus versus online instruction shifts.

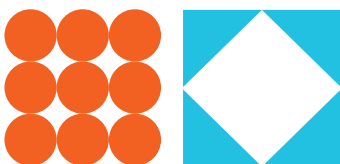
CAMPUS BUILDING MODEL: Universities maintain many buildings and facilities with a variety of sizes and complexity consisting of dormitories, academic and administration buildings and many other facilities that are a part of campus life. Making sure that all these entities are accounted for and evaluated is critical.

IT INFRASTRUCTURE MODEL: With more people using the university's IT resources, the IT infrastructure will need attention. Additional focus on ensuring the integrity of the campus infrastructure, supporting the existing technology, and remaining innovative enough to be ready for the future continues to be important.

IT SECURITY MODEL: Putting more remote users—students, faculty, administration, and staff—online is a concern for IT and opens up the possibility for security holes. Imagine a university's website being hacked, identities being stolen, or financial records or grades being accessed and altered by an unauthorized individual to name just a few. Having security controls in place for the increased number of remote users is a must.

Is the University ready to lead into the future?

By paying attention to the six constraints, developing a resource plan, building a marketing plan, and considering the operating models, the student teams have created plans to help lead their university into this new normal!





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From the VP of Academic Outreach



The mission of the Academic Outreach Team from the Western Michigan Chapter PMI is “To use education and education programs to advance the profession of Project Management by informing people about the practice and real-world application of Project Management”. THEProject 2021 celebrates the tenth year of THEProject.

Again, we find ourselves executing THEProject in the shadow of COVID-19. This past year has brought both tragedy and reason for hope. As I write this letter, I have received my first vaccine shot. What a difference one year makes. Five Teams, five awesome Teams, have embraced this year’s scenario and completed their Project Plans virtually. I am profoundly proud of the Student Teams on this our Ten-Year Anniversary. THANK YOU - Students, champions, mentors, and panelists!! Well Done.

Many thanks go to the Core Team. Special recognition this year goes to Kim Kalman, Patricia Brown-May, and Gabrielle Haskins. Kim Kalman is a rock who provides valuable counsel to the Core Team. Patricia Brown-May creates this THEProject Booklet; detail after detail and valuable time is needed to produce a quality booklet that the Student Teams can proudly add to their portfolios. Gabrielle Haskins led a team to revamp the scoring rubrics aligning to PMBOK® 6 and streamlining the scoring process. Again, thank you and well done!

Thanks also to the Board of Directors of WMPMI. Marketing support, volunteer recruitment, and valuable counsel make THEProject a flagship program for our chapter.

Students, you are simply amazing. Pursuing an extra-curricular activity under the current reality when others would say why bother. You have a unique and grand story to tell. This Booklet and your Project Plan are excellent additions to your professional portfolio.

I wish you well on all your future endeavors.

Joseph Vig, MBA, A-CSM, FCP

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VP, Academic Outreach



PMO Panelists



Tim Emelander
PMP, SSM, POPM
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Doug MacNeil
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Executive Judges



Adam Tidwell

Adam Tidwell is the Senior Manager for Project Management in the IT department at Western Governors University, the world's largest online competency-based university. He leads project management, strategic planning, process improvement, and reporting.

Adam has worked in project management, change management, process improvement, and consulting, and specializes in building Project Management Offices from the ground up.

Adam teaches Project Management at the University of Utah and has served in volunteer positions with the Project Management Institute's Northern Utah Chapter, including President. He is also a member of the 2020 Leadership Institute's Master Class.

Adam has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Computer Information Systems. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), Prosci certified change management practitioner, and a Prosci change management trainer.



Bhanu Viswanadha

Bhanu Viswanadha, PMP, CSM, PMI-ACP, SASM, SA is an IT Architect at NetApp. His previous positions include program manager at a major retail and healthcare company as well as technical leader at APL Ltd. While he was the PMO Manager at Safeway Inc., he implemented a process for recruiting, mentoring, and motivating the Safeway project management community.

Bhanu's other projects include delivering a training program for project manager coaching/mentoring in both waterfall and Agile methodologies. He has also been an Adjunct Professor at Golden Gate University and is a Past President at PMI Silicon Valley.

Bhanu has Master of Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India and Master of Technology in Mathematical Modeling and Simulation from University of Pune, India.



Executive Judges



Mike Dirlam

Mike Dirlam is currently the Director of the Whirlpool Product Development System and Project Management Capabilities and has been with them for 26 years.

Mike is a graduate of The University of Toledo and The University of Michigan - Flint where he earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration respectively. He is a licensed professional engineer (PE) in the state of Michigan and is a Project Management Professional (PMP) as recognized by the Project Management Institute (PMI).

He holds four U.S. patents and is an adjunct professor at Purdue Polytechnic Institute in South Bend where he teaches project management. He lives in St. Joseph, Michigan with his family.



Derek Mazurek

Derek Mazurek is the Director of the Agile Program Management Office (APMO) at Priority Health. He brings years of experience in successfully leading and driving PMO capabilities across complex, matrixed business models while delivering effective program and people leadership and oversight of the organization's mission-critical initiatives.

Derek's background includes several years spent in management consulting where he served numerous industries with a focus on ERP and EDI implementations.

In his spare time Derek enjoys family excursions, trying out new recipes and exploring creative ways to stay engaged with the world while keeping social distancing needs in mind.



Parash Sharma

Parash Sharma is currently working as a Program Lead at Bank of America and is responsible for leading a multi-million-dollar regulatory program. He has more than 16 years of experience working on various aspects of business and technology integration in the mortgage and finance industry with a strong concentration on project and program management.

Parash holds an MBA and MS in Management Information System and is PMP-, RMP-, and ACP-certified from PMI. He also is also a Certified SAFe® 4 Scrum Master and Agilist. He brings a lot of experience from serving the PMI-LA chapter as VP of Programs, VP of Strategy, and the President in 2019.

Parash is also currently enrolled in the PMI's LIMC (Leadership Institute Master Class) 2020 - an elite group of PMI chapter leaders who are being trained on servant leadership and personal development.



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School Champion:

Roger Woods, M.S.
Senior Lecturer
School of Business
and Economics



Mentor:

Wreck-It Rekhi

Gabrielle Haskins, PMP
President
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Mentor:

Lights, Camera (Optional), Action

Jamal Steward
BS, PgMP
Senior Quality Engineer
Yanfeng Automotive Interiors



School Champion:

Chuck Chase
CM, CPCP, MBA
Adjunct Professor



School Co-Champion:

Chad VanSweden, PMP
Program Manager,
Cascade Engineering



Mentor:

Education Entrepreneurs

Matt Mills, PMP
Senior Project Manager, R&D
Stryker

Champions and Mentors continued

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School Champion:

Steven Schuiling
MBA, PMP, SCM
Assistant Professor
Accounting, Finance, and
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Mentor: Risky Business

Dick Friedrich, PMP
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Mentor: Hard Logic

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Team:

Wreck-It Rekhi

Members:

Grace Pruett, Mackenzie Brunet, Riley McKay

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Mentor: Gabrielle Haskins, PMP



**Michigan
Technological
University**



Grace Pruett
B.S., Engineering Management | May 2021

Grace Pruett was born and raised in Midland, Michigan. She is an Engineering Management major at Michigan Technological University graduating in May of 2021. She became interested in Engineering Management after learning of the various career paths that graduates of the program took. She hopes to utilize her communication and analytical thinking skills in her career after graduation. Grace currently serves as an ambassador for the College of Business and also works as a Teaching Assistant with Career Services at Michigan Tech. After graduation, Grace will be working as a Supply Chain Professional in the Leadership and Technical Development Program at Caterpillar.



Mackenzie Brunet
B.S., Engineering Management | May 2021

Mackenzie Brunet was born and raised in Hancock, Michigan. She is now a senior at Michigan Technological University majoring in Engineering Management. Mackenzie is also involved with campus clubs such as the Society of Women Engineers, the American Society for Engineering Management, the women's club softball team, and the women's club hockey team. Recently, Mackenzie worked for Caterpillar as a Technical Marketing Intern where she got to use both her engineering and business backgrounds to help create visual instructions for engine rebuilds. Following graduation, she will join Caterpillar full-time as a Marketing Representative and is excited for the next chapter of her life. In her free time, she enjoys camping, hiking, and basically anything outdoors.



Riley McKay
B.S., Engineering Management | May 2021

Riley McKay was raised in Houghton, Michigan, and originally came to Michigan Technological University for a Mechanical Engineering degree, but found a passion for Project Management and a degree that would suit that. He is now majoring in Engineering Management and will be graduating this Spring. He has had multiple internships and a co-op to help further his career opportunities, which has led to accepting a Project Coordinator position with M.J. Electric after graduation. In his spare time, he enjoys hockey, golf, and running.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Grace: I would find a cure for cancer.

Mackenzie: I would visit every national park in the U.S. within a year.

Riley: I would go skydiving.

Team:

Lights, Camera (Optional), Action

Members:

Paul Gannon, Samantha Appleyard,
Michael Japinga, Jacob Mongrain



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Mentor: Jamal Steward, BS, PgMP



Paul Gannon

B.A., Supply Chain and Operations Management | August 2021

Paul grew up in the lower peninsula of Michigan where he played soccer and enjoyed the outdoors. Moving to Houghton, Michigan allowed him to enjoy all of the outdoor activities the area has to offer - which are many.



Samantha Appleyard

B.S., Engineering Management | May 2021

Sam grew up in Milford, Michigan and participated in DECA in high school where she found her passion for business management. She just could not get away from the engineering side of things, so she moved to Houghton, Michigan to pursue Engineering Management. Ever since, she has joined The Enterprise Program and is currently the team lead on a COVID response project. Last summer, Sam got some experience as a Project Management Intern for a construction company, and she loved it. She hopes to find another similar position when she graduates in May.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Paul: I would design and build my own manufacturing plant.

Samantha: I would start my own business.

Team:

Lights, Camera (Optional), Action

Members:

Paul Gannon, Samantha Appleyard,

Michael Japinga, Jacob Mongrain



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Michael Japinga

B.S., Management; Supply Chain & Operations Management | May 2021

Michael Japinga was raised in East Lansing, Michigan. He is currently a senior studying Management with a concentration in Supply Chain & Operations Management. Michael enjoys project management and plans to pursue it as a career after his graduation in May 2021. He plans to attend graduate school to earn an MBA after working for a while. Some of his hobbies include biking, soccer, piano, and cooking.



Jacob Mongrain

B.S., Engineering Management | August 2021

Jacob was born and raised in Kingsford, Michigan. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School. In high school he attended the Dickinson Iron Technical Center's Mechatronics class, which spurred his interest in Engineering. Currently, Jacob attends Michigan Technological University majoring in Engineering Management and will graduate in May 2021. While at MTU, Jacob was involved in Broomball and worked his way up to be the Referee Manager. Jacob also plays for the Huskies Club Baseball team. He credits his strong work ethic to working summers in the construction field. Jacob hopes to start his own business one day. In this free time, Jacob enjoys hunting, golfing, and baseball.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Michael: I would travel the world and immerse myself in different cultures.

Jacob: I would take a year off after graduation to build a house.

Team:

Education Entrepreneurs

Members:

Jared Benes, Cameron Perini,
Josiah Bandstra, Jared Schmatz



Champions: Chuck Chase, CM, CPCP, MBA; Chad VanSweden, PMP **Mentor:** Matt Mills, PMP



Jared Benes
B.S., Business Management | May 2022

Jared is a native of Grand Haven, Michigan and is studying Business Management at Cornerstone University. He served eight years in the United States Army where he learned the values of teamwork, resilience, and the importance of accomplishing the mission. Jared draws on those experiences and uses them to fuel his passion for project management. His goals for competing in THEProject include: learning new skills, contributing to an effective team, and assisting his university with the results of the final product. As Jared looks forward, he hopes to bring the lessons and processes learned to benefit future organizations. In his spare time, he enjoys sailing, swimming, metalsmithing, and traveling. Jared has a growth mindset and thrives in challenging environments.



Cameron Perini
B.S., Engineering: Design and Innovation | May 2021

Cameron is a senior at Cornerstone University, who is studying engineering with an emphasis in design and innovation. She works part-time at MiEN Environments working as a CAD engineer. In her free time, she enjoys rowing, painting, and board games.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Jared B.: I would fly helicopter MEDEVAC missions for the U.S. Army.

Cameron: I would provide renewable energy for every part of the world.

Team:

Education Entrepreneurs

Members:

Jared Benes, Cameron Perini,
Josiah Bandstra, Jared Schmatz



Champions: Chuck Chase, CM, CPCP, MBA; Chad VanSweden, PMP **Mentor:** Matt Mills, PMP



Josiah Bandstra **B.S., Computer Information Systems | May 2022**

Born in Bellevue, Washington and raised in Ludington, Michigan, Josiah is a junior at Cornerstone University, majoring in computer information systems. He became interested in computer information systems while first studying audio production, which raised deeper questions about how technology works. Josiah was recently recognized by Cornerstone University as a member of their Delta Mu Delta society. Josiah is experienced with technical support and customer service; additionally, he has well-developed communication skills. He hopes to find a job working as a systems specialist where he can administer information database systems and provide instruction to systems users. In his free time, Josiah enjoys playing guitar, running, and hanging out with friends.



Jared Schmatz **B.S., Management; Non-Profit Administration | May 2021**

Jared grew up in Canton, Michigan, and moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan to study business management at Cornerstone University. Jared has worked as a project manager for a year and a half at Cornerstone in the marketing office. Currently, he serves as the president of the Enactus team on campus. Jared plans to launch his career at Meijer as a business analyst in the summer. In his free time, Jared enjoys hanging out with friends, watching Marvel movies and watching U of M sports.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Josiah: I would develop a video game to be used as a creative outlet for kids.

Jared S.: I would start a business to solve a social or environmental issue.

Team:

Risky Business

Members:

Joe Hillman, Kevin Brower

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Mentor: Dick Friedrich, PMP



Joe Hillman

**MBA with Advanced Studies in Program & Project Management
August 2021**

Joe Hillman was raised playing baseball in the farmlands of west Michigan. After a couple years of college ball and a brief stint learning the culinary scene at Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Chicago, he returned home to begin a career in healthcare. Beginning with Respiratory Therapy, Joe's interest in medicine increased along with his passion for making change. First, at the bedside as an ICU nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital, then into nursing education, training new employees and leading teams in order to better the healthcare system. Today, he is a Care Manager Trainer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan where he introduces and educates new BCBS employees into the complex system of healthcare.



Kevin Brower

B.S., Project Management | December 2021

Kevin Brower was raised in Rockford, Michigan. He grew up playing sports and had the opportunity to play on the Grand Rapids Community College basketball team where he was a team captain his second year. Kevin's interest in project management came from being people oriented and results driven. Kevin has developed skills such as communication, leadership and critical thinking throughout his work and sports experiences. These skills and his passion for continuous learning will help him be an effective project manager. His near-term goal is to gain project management experience and obtain the Project Management Professional certification. Kevin enjoys working out and trying new restaurants in his free time.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Joe: I would work with a team to create an equitable, but profit-sensical healthcare structure within the United States.

Kevin: I would eliminate world poverty.

Team:
Hard Logic

Members:
Rommel Trotman, Aaron Cooper, Winton Garrelts

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Mentor: Nancy Howk, PMP



Rommel Trotman

B.S., Integrative Studies in Project Management & Lean Leadership | May 2021

Rommel Trotman grew up in Westchester, New York. His education at Ferris State University has allowed him to build a deep understanding of implementing Lean, Agile, and Project Management. These concentrations provide hands on experience in the 10 knowledge areas of PMBOK. Rommel's passion is driving organizational effectiveness through scaled transformations. He works at Toyota Motor North America where he focuses on the principles of Kaizen. He is a Certified Change Management Practitioner and a current member of the Association of Change Management Professionals. Upon graduation Rommel plans to pursue the PMI certifications for PMP and PMI-ACP.



Aaron Cooper

B.S., Business Administration | August 2021

Aaron was born and raised in Kalkaska, Michigan and currently, resides in Saginaw, Michigan. Aaron is a senior at Ferris State University majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management. After completion of his Bachelor degree he plans on beginning Graduate Studies for his MBA. Aaron currently works as a Department Manager for Menards. In the future, Aaron will be working as a Project Manager for either a company or solo. Alongside that, he plans to own several businesses in his lifetime. In Aaron's free time he enjoys Martial Arts; he has obtained his 3rd Degree Blackbelt. His hobbies also include hiking, travel, exercise, video games, and occasionally fishing.



Winton Garrelts

B.A., Economics | May 2026

Winton Garrelts is a dual enrolled student pursuing the Project Management Certification at Ferris. This semester he will be both a junior in high school and achieve junior standing at the university. He is currently working toward being an Associate of the Society of Actuaries with the eventual goal of working in Enterprise Risk Management. Winton will take his first two actuarial exams this semester. He anticipates that understanding and leading projects will make him more competent at managing risk in the future and more attractive to employers. Practicing his skills in THEProject is his first experience outside of the classroom.



If you could do something with no risk of failure.....

Rommel: I would open a consulting firm that focuses on scaling Agile and Kaizen.

Aaron: I would start a storage unit business.

Winton: I would be a professional musician.



Spectrum Health

Below are a few examples of the types of projects our PM's lead:

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Wireless pediatric epilepsy monitoring unit – Lizzie Grathwol, Project Manager

Wireless monitoring offers children the ability to move freely about their room, floor and playroom during their testing, which takes place over a long period of time and can last from 24 hours to several days. Patients are also able to be monitored within the redesigned Floor 6 playroom (formerly the Blue Glass Studio), giving children and caretakers a place to interact and play normally while advanced neurodiagnostic testing is occurring.

Spectrum Health Corporate

United Clinical Communication (UCC) – Bob VanWyngarden, Project Manager and Jenn Putnam, Program Manager

Spectrum Health currently uses Ascom phones for clinical communication. With vendor support ending in late 2020, Spectrum has taken the opportunity to completely replace this system with Voalte (Hill-Rom) smartphone technology to provide a secure platform for critical alerting and messaging. As of March, the implementation team completed work at all regional hospitals, ambulatory facilities and Blodgett, training staff and deployed 2131 devices in 220 departments. Nearly 2000 additional devices will be deployed at the Grand Rapids Medical Campus in the coming months.

Spectrum Health Corporate

Warehouse Management System Project – Cathy Kehoe, Project Manager

Spectrum Health's distribution center has been transformed digitally with a warehouse management system to efficiently manage the thousands of products and millions of dollars of inventory for the Spectrum Health system, streamlining the process from order to delivery. With the new WMS, handheld scanners and a digital database will allow the supply chain team to more accurately and quickly provide the medical supplies and other products needed for our staff and patients.

It's exciting to be a part of a profession that crosses all industries and engages with all levels within a company from front line team members to senior leadership. At the end of the day, what's most exciting is to see the impact we are making in being the best provider of health care services and health insurance as possible for our communities.

If you're a college student interested in Project Management as a career path, we encourage you to investigate an internship opportunity at Spectrum Health or any other WMPMI organization. If you're a business or clinical professional looking for an exciting career path at a recognized industry leader, please search the Spectrum Health Job Openings at spectrumhealth.org.

Thank you,

Ron Bussa, Director
Spectrum Health EPMO

Derek Mazurek, Director
Priority Health APMO

Women's Month – May 2021

May 10 – Dinner Meeting 5-7pm

Session 1: Virtual Leadership: How leaders need to adjust to help their team

Speaker: Lori Kaid – VP, Enterprise Project Services at WSECU; PMI Global volunteer.

Session 2: Panel Discussion: How I got where I am now, and what career challenges await me

Panelists: Jill Arehart – TEKsystems, WMPMI board member, hosts monthly West Michigan Agile Meet Up.
Denise Baker, PMP, DASM – Telecommunications Industry, PMI Region 5 Mentor, North Carolina Project Leaders Toast Masters Club charter member.

Yulia Chiaburu, MBA, SPC – Director of Digital Solutions for Dematic Corp, passion for enabling people to do what they love, and letting technology do the rest.

May 14 – Lunch Meeting 11am-12pm

Topic: The Power of Persistence

Speaker: Rabia Saleem Rao, PMP – Chief Technology Officer in Pakistan, President Elect-PMI Karachi Pakistan Chapter, passionate about bringing digital transformational change to the educational system.



May 19 – Breakfast Meeting 8-9am

Topic: Bringing Ideas to Reality

Speaker: Mei Lin, PMP, PMI-ACP, PMI-PBA, DASSM – project manager for the city of Plano, President of the PMI Dallas Chapter, author of *Mommy is a Project Manager*.

October 12, 2021

Professional Development Day (PDD)

An annual event dedicated to on-trend project management topics and networking with peers.



Veteran's Month – November 2021

Honoring and Hearing From our Country's Veterans





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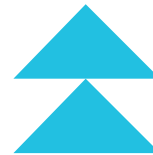
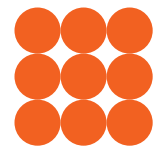
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