



2024-2025 Class Bios

BriAnne Alvarado, Trilogy Personnel & Land Management



BriAnne Alvarado currently serves as payroll manager with Trilogy Personnel & Land Management. She started with the company at 19 and has had the opportunity to grow within the company, serving over 20 years. BriAnne is currently responsible for managing two payroll departments, consisting of 22 team members. She has two young children and recently moved to Visalia from Bakersfield. BriAnne enjoys meeting new people and exploring the city.

Brooke Carman, Kaweah Health Foundation



Brooke Carman recently transitioned to a new career this year as the Director of the Kaweah Health Foundation. At the Foundation, Brooke is working on large campaigns and fundraisers that support many projects throughout Kaweah Health Hospital. Prior to that, she worked as the Director of Programs for ProYouth Expanded Learning and has grown her career within the company for close to 13 years. She received her bachelor's degree in Human Service Management and her Master's Degree in Business Administration. Brooke loves to be involved within her community and currently serves on the board of Able, is the Vice President of the Arts Visalia Board, is involved in many Community School Grant committees, and attends many service clubs such as Downtown Rotary club, Networking for Women and Ambassadors on a regular basis. She has three beautiful children aged 13, 9 and 6 and is married to her high school sweetheart.

Steve Gonzalez, Visalia Mall



Steve Gonzalez currently serves as Operations Manager at Visalia Mall. His role includes optimizing retail operations and fostering team growth. With an honorable separation from active duty in the Army after 11 years and one year of active reserve service, Steve continues to serve in the reserves for an additional eight years. Balancing a dynamic career, Steve cherishes time with his family, including two toddlers. Committed to integrity and professional excellence, he strives to uphold high standards in all aspects of his work while remaining engaged in continuous learning and community involvement.



Dan Griswold, Visalia Fire Department



Dan Griswold serves as the Fire Chief for the Visalia Fire Department. Dan moved to Visalia in February of 2020, after spending approximately 40 years in Casper, Wyoming, and 20+ years with the Casper Fire Department. When not working, Dan, his wife, and two kids enjoy traveling and stay busy with soccer schedules.

Ashley Irvine, Visalia Unified School District



Ashley Irvine is a supervisor within Technology Services at Visalia Unified School District, overseeing 19 computer technicians. She is currently working on getting her master's in organizational leadership from Colorado State University. Ashley is passionate, hardworking, reliable, and driven, and she strives to grow into higher leadership positions in the future.

Aidan Lozano, Echelon Security Group Inc.



A graduate of The Los Angeles Film School, Aidan Lozano is an electric musician with a passion for music arts, and fine food. He is a seasoned musician and chef, garnering digital kudos in the LA food scene as a young up-and-comer, and has been a sous chef, chef de cuisine, and food and beverage manager. A few years ago, Aidan joined his father's company, Echelon Security Group, and has advanced through the ranks, currently holding the position of Vice President of Operations. He oversees over 40 direct reports and considers himself a diverse leader with a passion for servant leadership and respect for all disenfranchised communities.

Jennifer Miner, QK



Jennifer Minear joined QK in 2023 and currently serves as Sr. Project Manager. Jennifer wanted to become a project manager because it was the best way for her to use her skills as a leader and organizer to contribute to a company, which she finds very fulfilling. Jennifer has always been detail-oriented and methodical from a very young age. She first realized she had a particular knack for project management when she volunteered to support and assist as an admin on a valet parking lot project. Following that project, she was promoted and served as a project coordinator for several years. In that position, she developed a leadership style based on collaboration and communication.

Roni Perez, Adventist Health



Roni Perez is a driven, hardworking Central Valley native dedicated to serving the community she was raised in. Roni graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from UCLA where her passion for social work, public health, and organizing community resources began. Through her years of non-profit experience, Roni developed a love for marketing and community outreach knowing the importance of disseminating educational resources and designing marketing materials that represent the diverse Central California area. She's currently a marketing and communications specialist with Adventist Health and has the honor of serving eight Adventist Health Hospitals and over 130 clinics. Roni looks forward to further developing her skills in project management, leadership, and business development in her time at Adventist Health and within her community.

Elisa Ramos, CSET



Elisa Ramos is the senior marketing & communications coordinator at CSET. With a B.S. in business management and a minor in communications from Fresno State, she brings extensive experience in marketing, community relations, and nonprofit management. Certified in Suicide Prevention and Sexual Assault Counseling, Elisa is dedicated to providing compassionate support and mentorship. Her personal journey with chronic illness informs her commitment to resilience and empowerment within communities. Elisa serves as president of the board at R.I.S.E.

Laura Hernandez Rangel, Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County



Laura Hernandez Rangel brings over 20 years of experience serving Tulare County, where she has held leadership roles, including Interim Public Information Officer and Special Assignment Child Support Specialist. In this capacity, she led the development of client-centered strategies, technology improvements, and public communication during the COVID-19 pandemic. Laura joined the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County in 2023 as an Analyst, focusing on increasing efficiency in reviewing and engaging training providers, developing transparent procedures for the appeals process, and establishing provider engagement meetings to enhance collaboration.

Laura's drive stems from her experience immigrating to the U.S. at the age of eight from Mexico, not speaking English, and witnessing her parents work in the fields while instilling the importance of education to break the cycle of poverty. This personal experience motivates Laura's commitment to her community, where she continues to foster positive change through her professional work and local volunteer efforts.

Jose Saenz, Tulare County Resource Management Agency



Born in Edinburg, Texas, Jose Saenz grew up speaking both English and Spanish. When his grandparents passed away, Jose and his mother moved to Visalia, starting as a freshman at Redwood High School. Jose received his bachelor's degree in Geography from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He has been working within the planning field since his start with the City of Spanish Fork, Utah, to now where he currently serves as a Planner IV with Tulare County Resource Management Agency.

Sirena Sosa, The Whitlatch Group



Sirena Sosa is a first-generation Latina professional. As a commercial real estate broker, Sirena primarily focuses on land development and industrial sites as well as the selling and leasing of all types of commercial assets. She is currently training to be the next leader of the firm. When not working, Sirena enjoys spending time with her children, traveling exploring new outings, and staying active. She considers herself a foodie and fashion lover, and lastly, loves feeding her brain.

Selesta Sullivan, SinglePoint Outsourcing, Inc.



Selesta Sullivan is an HR professional with 10 years of experience in various industries. She graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a B.S. in Business Administration, focused on HR & Management. Selesta enjoys working with managers to develop their employees and build strong partnerships and is passionate about fostering a lifelong learning environment for staff and clients. She helps others remember the “human” aspect of human resources management. In her free time, Selesta loves spending time with her family, two dogs, and going on bike rides.

Jacalynn Wells, Tulare County General Services Agency



Jacalynn Wells is a California native who moved from Southern California to Visalia at the age of 11 and graduated from Golden West High School. She has worked for Tulare County for 16 years, beginning her career in government as a 911 dispatcher, and later transferring to the General Services Agency as a clerk dispatcher. In working with those in the Property Management division, she became knowledgeable in lease administration and was hired as a property specialist in 2013. Jacalynn has moved up through the ranks in Property Management all while raising her family and graduating college with her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Real Estate and Urban Land Economics Option in 2019. In 2021 she was promoted to Property Manager and continues to promote excellent customer service skills and is highly knowledgeable in government real estate practices.