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Carol Stewart, Moderator

University of Arizona

Nicole Carey

Roche Tissue Diagnostics

Batoun Herrington

Branel Real Estate

Kara Riley

Oro Valley Police Department

Jenny Valenzuela

Roche Tissue Diagnostics



MODERATOR

CAROL STEWART

University of Arizona

Carol Stewart is a globally recognized leader in innovation ecosystems, with over two decades of experience advancing university-based economic development. She serves as Vice President for Tech Parks Arizona at the University of Arizona, where she also leads as President & CEO of the UA Tech Park at Rita Road and the UA Tech Park at The Bridges. In addition, she is President of the UA Center for Innovation, a regional network of technology business incubators.

Carol has dedicated her career to technology commercialization, business incubation, and strategic partnerships. She has served as CEO of the Association of University Research Parks (AURP) and as North American Division President for the International Association of Science Parks (IASP), helping shape global best practices and policy for research parks. Through her work, she builds innovation communities that connect academia, startups, and industry to drive economic impact both locally and globally.



NICOLE CAREY

Roche Tissue Diagnostics

Nicole Carey is a dynamic and values-driven leader with more than 13 years of experience in the medical laboratory and device industries. With dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Biology, Nicole has a strong foundation in scientific principles, which she has applied across roles in scientific operations, manufacturing, and quality systems.

She currently serves as the Operations Quality Sub-Network Lead for Reagents at Roche, where she leads a team focused on ensuring products meet rigorous industry and regulatory standards. Nicole is known for her commitment to fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement, while also mentoring and developing the next generation of quality professionals. Her leadership reflects a passion for scientific excellence, team empowerment, and the advancement of safe, effective medical products.



BATOUN HERRINGTON

Branel Real Estate

Batoun Herrington, CCIM, CPM®, is the President and Designated Broker of Branel Real Estate Company, LLC, a firm specializing in leasing, brokerage, and consulting for industrial, office, and retail properties in Tucson and Southern Arizona. With over 25 years of experience in commercial real estate, she has represented more than \$500 million in assets and over 3.5 million square feet of property, serving clients ranging from small local businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

Batoun's expertise includes project management for multimillion-dollar capital improvement projects and overseeing complex tenant improvements, including more than \$15 million in projects for government entities like the GSA and the State of Arizona. She holds both the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and Certified Property Manager® (CPM®) designations. In addition to her professional work, Batoun has served in leadership roles with the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM®), the Metropolitan Pima Alliance, and the Pima County Real Estate Research Council. She is actively involved in ministry outreach, passionate about animal welfare, and enjoys life in Tucson with her husband and two adult children.

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KARA RILEY

Oro Valley Police Department

Kara M. Riley has served in law enforcement since 1992, with a career that spans both corrections and policing. Prior to becoming a police officer, she spent five years working in adult and juvenile corrections. From 1993 to 2004, Kara served as an officer and sergeant with the Tucson Airport Authority. She joined the Oro Valley Police Department in 2004 and has held roles across the department, culminating in her appointment as Chief of Police in February 2020.

Kara holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in Education, both from the University of Arizona. She is also a graduate of the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command School and the FBI National Academy (Class 261). Born into an international upbringing, Kara lived in Taiwan, Abu Dhabi, and Sudan, which gave her a unique global perspective. She is a proud mother to a University of Arizona graduate, an aunt to six nieces and nephews, and enjoys fishing, CrossFit, cheering on UA sports, and spending time with her husband, Joseph Shelley.



JENNY VALENZUELA

Roche Tissue Diagnostics

With more than 20 years in the diagnostics field, Jenny Valenzuela is passionate about helping patients get access to the right tests at the right time. She holds a Master of Science in Clinical Research from the University of Liverpool and a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Chemistry minor from the University of Arizona. Jenny is also a certified international technical trainer, holding a Train the Trainer certification.

She honed her career on the lab bench, focusing on anatomic pathology before joining Roche in 2011. Since then, she has held roles of increasing responsibility as both a technical and people leader within Roche's Customer Support and Quality organizations. Today, she serves as a Quality Functional Partner, overseeing the overall quality and product health of diagnostic assays in the pathology product portfolio. Jenny is also the National Co-Lead for the Roche Women's Alliance, a business resource group aimed at creating a thriving, inclusive workplace where women are supported, represented, and empowered to lead as their authentic selves.



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About Women in Leadership (WIL): The Oro Valley Chamber's Women in Leadership (WIL) initiative is a dedicated group supporting and celebrating women leaders, business owners, and professionals in Oro Valley and the surrounding region. The group focuses on professional development, mentorship, and fostering a strong network of women in leadership roles.

The WIL committee is comprised of Chamber members and chaired by Renee McCuiston of America First Credit Union. The Oro Valley Chamber provides resources, connections, and support to power this initiative.

About the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce: The Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce's mission is to cultivate a vibrant economic region by empowering and uniting the Greater Oro Valley business community. For more information, visit orovalleychamber.com or contact the Chamber at 520-297-2191.

