

## **Biographies of the Finance Department Advisory Board Members Western Connecticut State University**

### **Robert (Bob) H. Barghaus | Retired Chief Financial Officer, Blyth, Inc.**

Mr. Barghaus was the Chief Financial Officer for fourteen years of Blyth, Inc. a New York Stock Exchange (BTH) traded company with operations in 16 countries. Mr. Barghaus served as a member of the Office of the Chairman and was responsible for finance, treasury, accounting, SEC reporting, tax, legal, internal audit, human resources, investor relations and corporate IT.

Prior to Blyth, Mr. Barghaus held senior financial and operating officer positions with Reed Elsevier, John Labatt Limited of Canada, May Department Stores, American Can and Arthur Andersen. He has a total of 35 years of business experience.

Mr. Barghaus is a Board member and Chairman of the Audit Committee for a large direct selling company.

Mr. Barghaus has an MBA in finance and accounting from Cornell University, a BS in Mathematics and a minor in Economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is a licensed CPA. He was a Board member for the Federation of the Handicapped in New York City and is a member of the Financial Executives Institute.

Mr. Barghaus instructed various finance courses at Western Connecticut State University and accounting courses at Cornell University.

## **Daniel Berta | President, Fairfield County Bank**

Dan Berta has been in banking for almost 30 years, starting as a management trainee at JP Morgan Chase. He held various positions there in credit cards, commercial banking, private banking and retail banking. He left as the Senior Vice President overseeing the \$11 billion, 125-branch retail banking group in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Rochester, Syracuse and Connecticut.

Mr. Berta joined Fairfield County Bank in 2007 as Executive Vice President and Head of Strategic Planning. He became the Chief Operating Officer in 2009 and assumed the role of President in 2011. He currently oversees all Retail Operations including; branch banking, operations, technology, e-banking, call center operations, marketing, sales management, training, Fairfield County Bank Insurance Service and Fairfield County Investments Services.

Mr. Berta graduated from Villanova University with a BS in Business Administration & Marketing. He received his MBA from Columbia University.

He lives with his wife and three children in Ridgefield, CT. He and his wife are active with many local boards and organizations including, The Ridgefield Symphony, The Ridgefield VNA, The Ridgefield Fresh Air Fund, Ann's Place, The Women's Center of Danbury, Founders Hall, Ridgefield ABC, The Ridgefield Playhouse and more.

### Corporate and Community Boards:

- Fairfield County Bank (2018 – Present)
- Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services (2011 – Present)
- CT Bankers Association Executive Committee (2017 – Present)
- Independent Community Bankers Association Executive Committee (2018-present)
- Ann's Place (2013 – 2015)
- Ann Olsen Golf Chairman (2012 – 2015) / AOG Committee (2012-2018)
- Ridgefield Fresh Air Fund (2012 – Present)
- Ridgefield Cemetery Board (2012 – Present)
- Ridgefield Fund (2017 – Present)
- Ridgefield Symphony Foundation (2012 – 2018)
- Ridgefield A Better Chance Advisory Member (2014 – 2017)
- United Way of Westchester (2003 – 2007)

## **Denny Brown | Assistant Corporate Controller, Linde plc**

Denny Brown was named Assistant Corporate Controller for Linde plc in 2019. He is responsible for Linde's technical accounting & policy, global SOX program and finance systems. Denny is a member of Linde's Pension & Savings Plans Administration and Investment Committee.

Denny joined Praxair, Inc., a Linde predecessor company, in 2004 as an analyst in the Corporate Controller's group. He subsequently held a series of increasingly responsible roles in external reporting, technical accounting and financial planning & analysis. In 2007, Denny transferred to Praxair's largest business unit, North American Industrial Gases as the controller for its Eastern region. Brown then transferred to Praxair's North American Healthcare Division as business unit controller in 2009. He oversaw the preparation and execution of the sale of its US Homecare division to Apria Healthcare Group in 2011. After the sale, Denny joined the Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions group where he continued to leverage his divestiture experience by successfully marketing and selling Praxair's Advanced Components business in 2011.

In 2012, Denny was appointed Vice President, Finance for Praxair Distribution, Inc. (PDI) in late 2011. He led the division's business analysis, financial reporting and accounting functions, including leading the division's 130 member shared services center in Ankeny, IA.

Denny was named Region Vice President of PDI's US East Region in 2014 where he managed all commercial and operational activities spanning 100 plant and retail locations and 1,000 dedicated employees.

Prior to his current role, Denny was appointed Vice President, Finance for Praxair's US Industrial Gases business in 2017 leading its accounting, financial reporting and business analysis functions and co-leading efforts to integrate Praxair's US operations with Linde AG upon merger of the two companies in 2018.

Prior to joining Praxair, Denny was a senior associate at KPMG, LLP spanning five years where he focused on planning and executing external audits for a diverse client base.

Denny holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Western Connecticut State University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Terry Friedman | Retired Senior Finance Manager, IBM**

Terry Friedman is a senior financial manager at IBM Corporation, where she has had held many financial planning positions, including division CFO and worldwide financial planning manager. In her management positions, she has had responsibility for financial planning & modeling, pricing, accounting, and business controls. She also managed a unit divestiture. She earned a BS in finance and insurance from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in finance from the University of California Berkeley.

**Brian J. Nethercott | Managing Director & Commercial Leader of GE Capital Americas  
(Danbury, CT)**

Brian Nethercott began his career with IBM, as an Analyst supporting the Technology Group in 2001. In 2003, he joined GE Capital as a Sr. Financial Analyst supporting the Equipment Leasing business. Over the last 10 years he has held various executive leadership positions within the GE Capital finance organization. In 2008, he became the Chief Financial Officer of the GE Trade Services supporting GE Industrials working capital initiatives. During this assignment he was able to complete the GE's EFLP (Executive Financial Leadership Program). Upon finishing the program he transitioned into larger finance leadership roles with GE Sponsor Finance & GE Corporate Finance supporting the senior lending relationships as staff executive to the business CEO's . Most recently he has transitioned from his Finance leadership roles, to rejoin the GE Trade Services business as the Managing Director leading the businesses commercial organization across North America. Brian currently serves on the board of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA as Treasurer. He received a B.S. in Business Administration from Marist College in 2001, and later earned an M.B.A from Marist College in 2003.

## **Jean K. Robinson | Retired Chief Operating Officer of Kantar Millward Brown NA**

Jean Robinson spent the first half of her career on Wall Street at JP Morgan in several commercial and investment banking roles. She then joined the original dot-com boom as Chief Financial Officer of a digital research company, Jupiter Research. She took that company public, merged it with another and sold it. After that, she became CFO of another early stage digital research company, Dynamic Logic, which she helped bring to profitability and then sold to a large market research company, Kantar Millward Brown NA. After that merger, she ran Dynamic Logic through a number of years of growth and success and rose to be Chief Operating Officer of Kantar MBNA. She stepped down from that role in late 2015 but continued as a consultant first to Kantar and now to other companies. She currently teaches finance at Western Connecticut State University and serves on the Boards of the Ridgefield Visiting Nurses (RVNA), the Bridgewater Land Trust, the Bridgewater Senior Center and the Bridgewater Board of Finance.

Jean holds an MBA in Finance and Accounting from Columbia Business School and a BA in Economics and Government from Smith College.

**Paul Schned | Global Head of M&A, Strategy and Business Development for Amphenol's Communication Solutions Division**

Mr. Schned is the global head of M&A, Strategy and Business Development for Amphenol's Communication Solutions Division. He has almost 20 years of experience working in Corporate Development and M&A. Prior to joining Amphenol, Mr. Schned held Corporate Development roles at Comcast Corporation, TE Connectivity, and Barnes Group. He also worked in Private Equity at FdG Associates, and in Investment Banking at Lehman Brothers.

Mr. Schned has an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and a BA in Economics from Dartmouth College. He is a Board Advisor to FHI Studio, and a Board Member of the Avon Land Trust. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford and teaches courses in Strategy and Finance. He lives with his wife and two children in Avon, CT.

**Kenneth Weinstein | President & Chief Executive Officer of Newtown Savings Bank**

Ken is President and Chief Executive Officer of Newtown Savings Bank, a \$1.3 billion Mutual Savings Bank founded in 1855 and headquartered in Newtown, Connecticut.

Ken currently serves on the Board of the United Way of Western Connecticut and its Northern Fairfield County Council. He is also a Director and former Chairman of the Board of LifeBridge Community Services, one of Connecticut's oldest and most comprehensive private non-profit human services agencies, and a Trustee and Chairman of the Finance Committee at Berkeley College.

A life-long Connecticut resident, Ken is a graduate of Trumbull High School, Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School.