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MEET THE DBJ'S C-SUITE AWARDS HONOREES



Today's C-suite executive must be nimble, driven and innovative, often working behind the scenes in support of their CEO's mission in a constantly changing business climate.

Denver Business Journal believes they should be recognized for that work, and honored the Denver metro area's corner-office all-stars at a cocktail reception at the Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts on Sept. 25.

The "all-stars" theme was chosen for a couple of reasons. First, Major League Baseball's postseason is right around the corner, and Colorado Rockies fans are rooting for the home team. More importantly, these executives are making moves worthy of every enthusiastic baseball metaphor: They're batting a thousand, hitting home runs and covering all the bases. These are truly the Denver area's heavy hitters.

Honorees were chosen in six categories: chief financial officer; chief legal officer; chief operating officer; chief marketing officer; chief technology officer/chief information officer; chief human resource officer/chief people officer; and chief "other" officer. The latter category includes any executive leader who supports the CEO and company's vision, but may not neatly fit into a more traditional title.

Nominees were judged on individual and organizational accomplishments, community involvement, contributions to management and innovation within their fields, among other factors.

To qualify, executives' companies must have a significant presence in the Denver metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties).

To help us select the winners, we relied on a distinguished panel of expert judges, without whose assistance this year's C-Suite Awards program and section would not be possible. Our sincerest thanks to these judges:

Mike Burns, private bank market executive, Colorado State Bank & Trust

Brent Chrite, dean, University of Denver Daniels College of Business

Angela Davidson, V.P. regional ops manager, U.S. Bank

Stephanie Donner

Karen Frey, executive career coach

Stephanie Gripne, founder and executive director, Impact Finance Center

JB Holston, dean, University of Denver Daniel F. Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science

Barb Jahn, chief operating officer, SCL Health Saint Joseph Hospital

Andrea Kalivas Fulton, deputy director and chief marketing officer, Denver Art Museum

Scott Maloney, managing director, Crain & Co.

Matt McConnell, board member, Junior Achievement

Ned Minor, co-founder and director, MB Law

Gregg Moss, president and CEO, Metro North Chamber

Jennifer Nealson, chief marketing officer, SALT Blockchain Asset Management

Ken Philbrick, partner, Adam James International

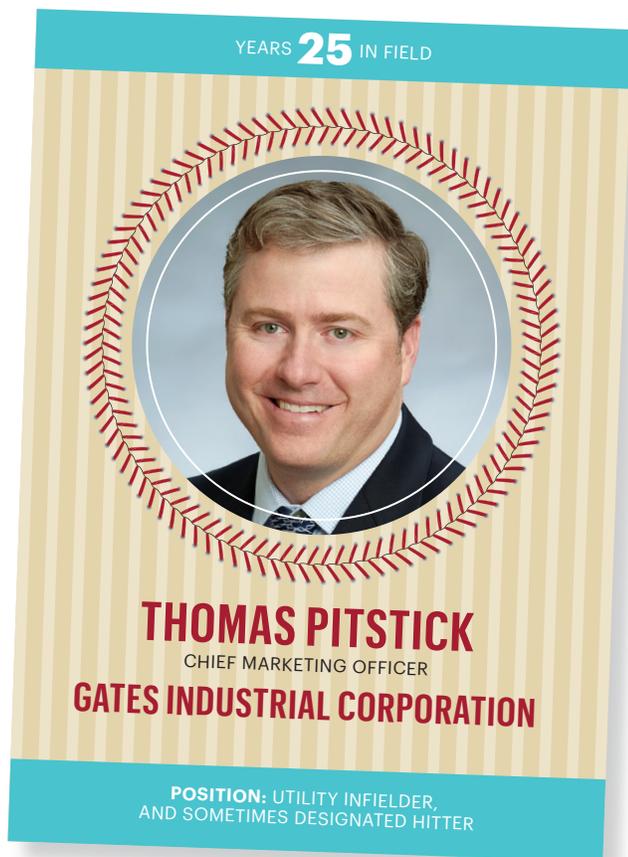
Deb Pollock, CEO, The Center Advancing the LGBT Community

Wade Pursell, executive vice president and chief financial officer, SM Energy

Abbas Rajabi, president and key principal, Mohegan Capital

Beth Walker, dean, Colorado State University College of Business

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CHAMPION OF WORK-LIFE INTEGRATION

What I bring to the team: In addition to the traditional marketing responsibilities and initiatives, if there's an initiative that comes up that doesn't have a natural home, it usually comes to me. I enjoy the diversity of experiences this brings.

Fondest sports-related childhood memory: I'm not a Cowboys fan, but they used to do their spring training at a university close to where I grew up. We would go and watch them practice, and one day I got to carry Roger Staubach's helmet from the field to the locker room. I was probably 10, so it was a super cool experience.

Biggest home run of business career: Without a doubt it was helping to take Gates public on the New York Stock Exchange in January 2018.

A time I missed the ball, but then made a big play: If you're not swinging for the fence and missing every so often, or charging the ground ball and ending up with

an error from time to time, then you're not pushing hard enough. I can think of three things this week I'd have done differently but the realization that this is a good thing and learning from these things is what's important.

Secret talent: I'm quite good at bringing disparate groups together and finding interesting solutions to problems. For me, this has led to great relationships with people with different skills and experiences from around the globe.

Secret to work-life balance: Coming to grips that there's no such thing as work-life balance, and that to think it exists is stressful in and of itself. Perhaps it should be called work-life integration. You do have to make time for your family and yourself. That's important, and you have to be conscious about making that time.

You also have to take that phone call at 10 p.m. with your team in Asia. Being present in both is important and saying "yes" to everything is impossible.