

CFO of The Year Award Nominees

performance in 2019, led the financial side of due diligence for two acquisitions and helped the business navigate the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. Bosserd's leadership in identifying and implementing cost containment actions and cash flow efficiency resulted in continued industry leading performance for the business. One of the many reasons she has been successful in leading the business through the pandemic crisis is because of her experience and knowledge of all aspects of the business. Whether it's representing Eaton on contract negotiations to earn the first price increase in 20 years with a key customer or generating the largest month of shipments ever as an interim operations leader for their aftermarket business in Jackson, MS. Since joining Eaton, Bosserd has moved up through the ranks quickly, which is another testament to her accomplishments and leadership.



Tracy Branson, CFO

Orange County Community Foundation, Newport Beach

As the Orange County Community Foundation's (OCCF) chief financial officer, Tracy Branson has played a pivotal role in OCCF's tremendous growth over the past three decades. In OCCF's Fiscal Year 2020 which ended June 30, 2020, OCCF recorded its highest year ever for granting, awarding \$102 million in grants and scholarships in Orange County, across the nation and around the world. Since the organization's inception in 1989, OCCF has now granted more than \$730 million to meet needs locally, across the nation and around the world. Nationally, OCCF ranks in the top 1% among 780 community foundations for grantmaking activity. In just the past five years, OCCF's assets have increased nearly 60% to \$421 million, and the Foundation now averages \$100 million in annual contributions. In FY'20, Branson led OCCF's acceptance of \$118 million in contributions to OCCF. Nationally, OCCF ranks in the top 10% for assets among U.S. community foundations. This growth has been facilitated through a significant increase in appreciated stock gifts. In addition, OCCF accepts gifts of complex assets such as homes, commercial property and business interests that Branson leads the process of monetizing in partnership with OCCF's expert advisors to maximize the charitable dollars to be reinvested in the community. Aside from the financial expertise that Branson brings to OCCF, she is a trusted resource for the OCCF team, the Foundation's donors and the Orange County nonprofit sector.



Justin Cary, Controller

LSA Associates, Irvine

Justin Cary took over the accounting department at LSA Associates which had a vacancy at the controller position for the prior five



months and the sole senior accountant was resigning the next week. Cary performed wholesale revamping of accounting procedures and general ledger entries to catch up on five months of monthly closing while also making numerous adjustments to prior periods to bring the company into compliance. He also concluded shepherding the company through its first financial statement audit within four months of being hired.

Kitty Cheung, CFO

Red Digital Cinema, Irvine

Kitty Cheung is the first female CFO in the history of Red Digital Cinema. She streamlined business activities and led efforts to maximize operational efficiencies with approximately \$10 million in cost reductions in 12 months. Cheung helped bridge the gap between finance and customers, built out a finance and IT team whilst cleaning up issues. She has also put processes and structure in place to allow the business to pivot from a start-up mode to a growing company. Cheung has developed and mentored team members by investing in their professional development and providing them with opportunities to advance their careers and personal goals.



Curt Christianssen, CFO

Pacific Mercantile Bank, Costa Mesa

Curt Christianssen has dedicated most of his career working in the banking industry, with a specific focus on community banks. Christianssen is a key member of the management team that turned around Pacific Mercantile Bank, which worked with its strong Board to implement and execute its strategy focused on banking medium sized businesses, designed to help those businesses succeed. Christianssen has made a difference in his leadership role at Pacific Mercantile Bank and with his community involvement. As CFO of Pacific Mercantile Bank he has shown to be a dedicated partner with clients during an unprecedented and challenging year serving medium-sized business clients. For example, he led the Bank's efforts to implement a successful Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application process within days of the CARES Act passing into law, helping over 700 businesses protect the payroll of 36,000 employees. His passion and commitment to helping companies succeed extended to the PPP Forgiveness phase with his willingness to speak one-on-one with clients to advise them on forgiveness questions specific to each client's business needs.



Scott Christman, CFO

Noble Aerospace, Santa Ana

Scott Christman is a big four CPA with more than 30 years of progressive experience in finance and accounting. Throughout his career he has held leadership roles at both

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