

Dawn or Doom Data-Dive Judges



Diane Beaudoin

Diane graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1990 and earned a PhD in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1996. She started her career as a faculty member in Chemical, Bio and Materials Engineering at Arizona State University teaching courses in the chemical engineering and bioengineering programs and coordinating the first year engineering course. Diane started at Purdue University in 2008 as Director of Assessment for the College of Engineering and then became Director of Assessment for the Office of the Provost in 2011. In 2014, she became Director of Institutional Assessment in the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Effectiveness. Diane currently serves as the Chief Data Officer for the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Effectiveness (OIRAE). In this role, her primary focus is leading the university-wide effort to gather, analyze and disseminate decision-making information to the institution's academic and operational leadership. The CDO is responsible for ensuring the effective operation of the OIRAE in developing and tracking measures of institutional effectiveness; using innovative and emerging technologies in data analytics to report on key areas of institutional improvement, including affordability, student learning and growth, faculty activity and institutional excellence; and meeting requirements for external reporting and accreditation. She supports the president, provost, treasurer and other institutional leaders in formulating questions aimed at institutional improvement and the development of university policy.



Jeff Cristee

As Vice President of our Global Sales and Partner training programs, Jeff leads a team that is responsible for training over 18,000 direct sellers and 100,000 partner sellers. The Worldwide Sales and Partner Training organization develops and delivers training in all CISCO Architectures as well as in professional skills development for the CISCO and partner teams. Jeff also oversees the CISCO Sales Associate Programs for recent college graduates.

Prior to leading training, Jeff was an Area Vice President for the US Commercial Central area which encompasses a 13-state geography in the Midwestern United States. The Central Area was responsible for over 1.5B in annual CISCO product and services sales. Jeff joined CISCO as part of their acquisition of Stratacom in 1996, and has been leading teams across the US in Public, Fortune 500 and sales force development, initially in the Asia Pacific region.

Very active in economic development at the state and regional levels, Jeff is the founder and chairman of the Tailwind Group, a program which identified and assisted high potential start-up companies and facilitated their rapid growth. He is also past Chairman of the Technical Advisory Boards of Marian College and The Orchard School. Jeff graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Finance in 1985.



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Dewand Neely

Having served as Indiana Chief Information Officer since October 2015, Dewand Neely was re-appointed by Governor Eric J. Holcomb in January 2017 to continue serving in the same capacity. Dewand first joined Indiana state government in 2003. Shortly after, he was asked to be one of the initial employees to join the newly created Indiana Office of Technology to help assist with the statewide IT consolidation efforts. He has spent the last decade with the Office of Technology and has held several other managerial roles in the office. Neely received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University's School of Technology and his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.



Vinu Thomas

Vinu Thomas has served as Chief Technology Officer of Presidio since early 2016. He is responsible for guiding Presidio's technology strategy, solution and services offerings and industry thought leadership. In addition, he is also responsible for marketing, vendor and product management. He has built Presidio's technology teams around networking, mobility, data center and collaboration, while also working on strategic initiatives and investments that include cloud, cyber security, data analytics and virtual desktop infrastructure. Vinu sits on a number of advisory boards of companies like Cisco, Dell, Palo Alto Networks, Nutanix and VMWARE and is an advisory board member at Rutgers University where he serves at the Center of Innovation Education.

He was previously Vice President of Solutions for Presidio's Tristate Area and has a total of 20 years of experience in systems integration, practice building and engineering. Prior to Presidio, he led the Engineering organization for Bluewater Communications Group until it was acquired by Presidio in 2012.

