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Vatsala Upadhyay is the Lead IT Solution Architect in the Enterprise Architecture and Digital Transformation team at Seco Tools. She has over 30 years of experience in collaboration solutions and CRM applications across multi-platforms. Vatsala is the President of Mai Family Services, an organization that provides support services to survivors of domestic and family violence in the South Asian community in Michigan. She is also a part of the Executive Committee of the National ASEI (American Society of Engineers of Indian Association) Board. She is extremely passionate about life and enjoys every moment gifted by the Almighty. She is a techno-geek, who believes that there is a solution for every problem.

Connie Tingson Gatz, Ph.D. currently serves at University of Michigan as Associate Vice President of Student Life. Previously, she served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Mission Integration as the first Person of Color and only woman to serve on the Executive Council at Madonna University. As an adjunct assistant professor, she co-developed a master's degree program in higher education administration to prepare future leaders. Spanning a 30-year career in higher education, she has received multiple local, regional, and national awards for excellence in education, leadership, and mentorship. Tingson Gatz co-chaired a national symposium for aspiring executive women leaders in higher education and is the State-Chair Elect of the Michigan American Council on Education Women's Network. She mentors executive women leaders in Pakistan and within the U.S.

Ashwini Balasubramanian currently serves as General Manager – Advanced Engineering at Harley-Davidson Motor Company. In this role, she leads all aspects of advanced engineering including test & reliability engineering, core engineering and innovation teams. Ashwini is also responsible for delivering motorcycle leading innovation and technology road maps across the motorcycle portfolio. Over her career, Ashwini has had extensive experience in leadership leading global engineering and sales/marketing teams. Ashwini holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from India, and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. She is a certified Sustainability Excellence Associate. Automotive News named her a “Rising Star,” in 2019. She also holds a patent on “Headliners and Vehicles with Improved Speech Transmission Characteristics”.

Jhansi Nalla leads a group of Systems Engineers and Program Managers within the Software Defined Vehicle business unit at General Motors (GM). She has been proudly serving in the U.S Army Reserves from 2015 onwards as a 12A – Engineering Officer with 457th FEST A EN Det Army Corps of Engineers located in Livonia, Michigan. In her previous role at GM Defense as Assistant Program Manager, she led the execution of the Infantry Squad Vehicle (ISV) contract worth \$214.3 million for Army customers. Jhansi holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University (Texas), and a bachelor's degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering from JNTU, Hyderabad (India). Jhansi leads and supports local schools' projects in STEM, encouraging young girls to explore the world of science.