

Presenter Bios

Community Outreach	Dave Davis	Dave Davis is the Senior Executive Director for Neighborhood and Community Relations at Northwestern University. In this role, Dave advises the President, Provost, and Executive Vice President on the local political implications of University policy and decision-making. He also leads the University’s signature social justice programs in Evanston and works to expand meaningful and reciprocal partnerships between Northwestern and the City of Evanston that bolsters the University’s reputation as an economic anchor and socially engaged institution. Additionally, Dave serves as the University’s ambassador to Evanston government officials, business associations, school district leaders, community groups, and residents.
University Operations	Luke Figora	Luke Figora joined Northwestern University in 2015 and currently serves as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Operations. In this role he oversees a variety of operational and financial units including Facilities, IT, Neighborhood & Community Relations, and Risk, Audit, and Compliance. Most recently, Luke led Northwestern’s COVID-19 response and was the face to the Northwestern community for COVID-related communications, as well as the conduit to local efforts in the City of Evanston and City of Chicago.
Concerts Operations	Michael Godoy	Michael is a highly effective operations executive at CAA ICON with over 30 years of experience in the management of sports and entertainment venues. He has a comprehensive background of not only coordinating a variety of sports and entertainment events, but also leading day-to-day facility operations including design, construction and capital planning for over 75 projects valued at over \$7B. CAA ICON has managed the development of many of the most successful stadium and arena projects in the world and has experience in planning, activating, designing, constructing, and commissioning projects for MLS, NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB franchises totaling nearly \$40 billion, including over 2,000 consulting engagements.
Design & Acoustics	Darren Nielsen	Darren Nielsen has spent his 26-year career at HNTB, focused on Collegiate Athletics projects, including Division 1 Power 5 stadiums for Illinois, Nebraska, Kentucky, and South Carolina, among others, and most recently led the MLS project at Lower.com for the Columbus Crew. HNTB is one of the leading architectural, engineering, and planning firms, embracing a culture of creativity, sustainable design, and cutting-edge technology to offer design solutions that are authentic, creative, and reflective of the unique character of each client’s city, community and region.
	Chris Hale	Chris Hale is an Architect and Managing Principal at Perkins & Will with over 30 years of experience. He managed the design of Northwestern’s Ryan Fieldhouse & Walter Athletics Center.
	Bryan Schabel	Bryan Schabel is a Principal and Design Director at Perkins & Will. He has been with the firm for 28 years and has designed numerous award-winning buildings, including Northwestern’s Ryan Fieldhouse & Walter Athletics Center and the Segal Visitors Center.

	Greg Hughes	<p>Greg Hughes has worked for Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon, & Williams, Inc. for over 20 years as the lead acoustician at the firm and is an expert at acoustical sound assessments, sound measurements and monitoring, noise reduction assessments and noise mitigation. WJHW has been involved in the sports and entertainment venue industry for over 30 years, having completed extensive work on professional and collegiate projects, and it is this expertise that we bring to the Northwestern University project. WJHW was founded in 1991 and has been an industry leader in acoustics and sound system design for the vast majority of professional arenas and stadia since. Our resume includes all 32 current NFL stadia, all 30 NBA arenas, 24 of 32 NHL arenas (75%), 28 of 30 MLB stadia (93%), and 19 of 29 MLS stadia (66%). Additionally, WJHW has completed numerous collegiate stadia and arenas for Power 5 conference teams including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEC: U of Arkansas, U of Alabama, U of Tennessee, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, U of Texas, U of Missouri, U of Georgia, Auburn, U of Florida, and U of Kentucky • ACC: North Carolina, Duke, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Florida State, U of Virginia, Louisville, Boston College, North Carolina State, Notre Dame, and Virginia Tech • BIG12: U of Houston, Iowa State, U of Kansas, Kansas State, TCU, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, U of Cincinnati, and West Virginia • PAC12: Arizona State, U of California, U of Colorado, U of Oregon, Oregon State, Stanford, and U of Utah • BIG10: Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern, Purdue, Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State, Rutgers, and Nebraska <p>Our efforts in these projects include sound system design and acoustics analysis as well as many of the technologies utilized in these facilities (e.g. broadcast, audio-video, security). Further, WJHW provides concert support in numerous large stadia including Levi’s Stadium (Santa Clara, CA), AT&T Stadium (Arlington, TX), US Bank Stadium (Minneapolis, MN), Globe Life Field (Arlington, TX), and NRG Stadium (Houston, TX) for a variety of acts. Our expertise in these venues is substantial and is unrivalled in the industry.</p>
Transportation	Peter Lemmon	<p>Peter Lemmon brings 25 years of experience focused on traffic engineering and multimodal transportation planning with Kimley Horn here in the Chicago area. In that time, he’s worked with the Bears, Cubs, and Fire on various projects as well as the Centennial Plan for Navy Pier. Peter has also worked with the City of Evanston on numerous projects and has been an Evanston resident for over 20 years. On this project, Kimley-Horn is also supported by SP+ Gameday, who currently manages and operates gameday parking and shuttle services for Northwestern University as well as the public parking garages and lots for the City of Evanston, providing additional local experience with local parking conditions.</p>

Land Planner	George Kisiel	George Kisiel is a licensed architect and a certified planner. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, and the American Institute of Certified Planners. He is the president and owner of Okrent Kisiel Associates, Inc., where he has been employed for over 40 years. He has been accepted as an expert in planning and zoning in the courts of Cook, Lake, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois and has appeared before numerous planning and administrative review boards throughout the Chicago metro area. He and his firm have extensive experience in Evanston, particularly in the context of large scale redevelopment projects including involvement in the development of Church St. Plaza, Optima Towers, Optima Horizons, McDoughal Littell, and Mather Lifeways.
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Supporting Subject Matter Expert Bios

Current Ryan Field	Scott Arey	A Northwestern Athletics and Recreation staff member since 1991, Scott has been responsible for the management of all events at Ryan Field and Welsh Ryan Arena beginning with the 2001 season. Scott is also on the board of directors for the Collegiate Event and Facility Managers Association (CEFMA) as well as Evanston’s own non-profit Girls Play Sports. Inc.
	Eric Chin	Deputy Police Chief Eric Chin oversees public safety operations of both Northwestern’s Evanston and Chicago Campuses and has over 25 years of experience serving in the profession of public safety at two Big Ten institutions. Deputy Police Chief Chin facilitates Northwestern’s Behavioral Consultation Team, and for critical events, he serves in the role of either onsite forward command or as the incident commander in the unified command post. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and also serves on the executive board of the Joint Terrorism Task Force for the FBI Chicago Office.
	Deneé Barracato	Deneé Barracato is Deputy Director of Athletics at Northwestern. She leads and manages four areas for the University, including Capital Projects & Operations and Events & Facilities Management. Internally Barracato serves as the liaison to Facilities Management, Operations and Risk Management and the Northwestern University Police Department. Barracato leads and provides the strategic direction for Northwestern Athletics’ world-class facilities and its capital projects program, which includes the oversight, planning, design, and construction efforts for the \$800 million Ryan Field Redevelopment Project.
	Jesse Marks	Jesse Marks was named deputy director of athletics for development at Northwestern University in September 2021. As part of his dual role within the University fundraising structure, Marks also will serve as senior executive director of athletics development on Northwestern's Alumni Relations and Development team, reporting to the university’s senior associate vice president for schools and programs. Among other accomplishments, Marks is a member of the National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD) and served as an adjunct professor in the University of Miami's School of Education Sports Administration Program, teaching sport promotions and sales. In 2019, Marks was recognized by the "South Florida Business Journal" as a "Forty Under 40" honoree, representing top young professionals in the South Florida community.
Owners Rep	Dan Loosbrock	Dan Loosbrock is a Senior Vice President with CAA ICON, whom has been hired by Northwestern University to perform Owners Representative services, overseeing all design and construction. Dan has extensive experience overseeing the development of large, complex facilities totaling approximately \$2.6 Billion over the course of his 25 year career. Relevant

		<p>facilitates include Canvas Stadium at Colorado State University and Target Field, Minneapolis MN.</p>
	<p>Brian Byrne</p>	<p>Brian is a project management executive with 24 years of experience in the design and project management of sports and entertainment venues. He spent the initial 10 years of his career on the architectural side of the sports and entertainment venue development before transitioning to being an owner’s representative managing design and construction for multiple professional, collegiate, and commercial sports and entertainment venues.</p> <p>Project experience highlights include, Moody Center (University of Texas at Austin), Chase Center, T-Mobile Arena, LA Live (Sports & Entertainment Complex), Lincoln Financial Field, Toyota Park, among several others.</p>