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## ACG University 2022 Report Card

Thirty-nine of our region's up and coming dealmakers were accepted into ACG University 2022 from a pool of 61 applicants.

The 7-week executive education initiative immersed these young deal professionals into the life cycle of a transaction using panel, presentation and case study method for teaching the key elements of sourcing, valuing, diligencing, financing, negotiating, structuring, closing and exit strategies on a deal. Our goal is to create well rounded deal professionals who are conversant in all aspects of an M&A or minority transaction and to "seed" their deal network to benefit you and them.

Each class was taught by a team of our region's most experienced dealmakers and included pre-reading, expert level instruction, practitioner panel discussions designed to offer real world experiences and teambased case work to allow for varied view points to be understood.



### Who Was the Class of 2022? 61 applied | 39 accepted

### 2022 ACGU Committee

Erin Lizotte Berwind Corporation (2022 Co-Chair ACGU)

Brian McDaid Spring Capital Partners (2022 Co-Chair ACGU)

Adrian Ironside Guardian Capital Partners (2023 Co-Chair ACGU)

> Lisa Millhauser Eureka Equity Partners (2023 Co-Chair ACGU)

Dyana Baurley MiddleGround Capital

> Brian Doerner Ballard Spahr LLP

> > Kevin Foley GSK

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> Bharat Ramprasad Stifel

> > Zack Sigal LLR Partners

Adam VeVerka NewSpring Capital

Patriot Financial Partners Penn Medicine Phoenix Management Services Private Capital Research RSM US LLP The Sharp Financial Group Troutman Pepper Univest Bank WithumSmith+Brown

## Who Participated?

AMETEK, Inc. Argosy Capital Partners Argosy Healthcare Partners Asplundh Ballard Spahr LLP Blank Rome LLP Duane Morris Eureka Equity Partners EY LLP Faegre Drinker Fairmount Partners Falcon Capital Partners Graham Partners G-Squared Partners, LLC Guardian Capital Partners Hawk Capital Partners Holland & Knight LLP KeyBank Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP Kleinbard LLC KPMG LBC Credit Partners LBC Small Cap Legacy Planning Partners Mufson Howe Hunter NewSpring Capital

## The Value...

94% rated all seven sessions "Excellent" or "Very Good"

94% said the information was "Informative" or "Very Informative"

ACGU graduates joined 399 alumni as part of the Young Dealmakers Network

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## **KEY ELEMENTS TAUGHT & CLASS PANELISTS**

#### Class 1: Sourcing Deals & Building Your Acquisition Strategy

- Understanding acquirer's investment strategy and criteria
- How exit strategy plays into sourcing
- Strategies for sourcing opportunities
- Evaluating/diligencing the deal
- The investment process/proposal/investment committee

#### **Class 2: Due Diligence**

- Relationship & interdependence of diligence work streams
- Quantifying risks/deficiencies; developing mitigation strategies
- Due Diligence methodologies: Financial & Accounting;
  Operations; IT; Human Capital; Market; Legal; Insurance; Real Estate/Environment

#### **Class 3: Valuation – Methodologies and Approaches**

- Discounted cash flow
- Publicly traded comparable company analysis
- Comparable transaction analysis
- Leverage buyout analysis
- The investment process/proposal/investment committee

#### **Class 4: Acquisition/Debt Financing**

- Understanding the use of leverage & structuring Transactions
- Pricing & matching debt capital to the deal
- Financing alternatives
- Historical metrics of leverage
- Calculating levered returns

#### **Class 5: Negotiating Purchase Agreement & Closing**

- Letter of intent considerations
- Overview of purchase agreement, nuances, structure, timing, goals
- Current trends in deal metrics, ABA Deal Points Study
- Understanding fact patterns and key terms/issues
- Negotiations Key Issues Teams split into buyer & seller teams and had to negotiate various issues with each other

#### **Class 6: Integration Essentials**

- M&A Integration challenges
- Plan & structure Integration Management Office (IMO)
- Synergy program management
- Communication planning priorities
- Common mistakes & why deals fail

#### **Class 7: Exit Strategies**

- Reasons to seek & timing of liquidity event
- Maximizing Value in Transaction Process
- Preparing a Company for Sale
- Designing an appropriate process
- Sell-side transaction processes & strategies
- Evaluating offers

Class 1 Teaching Team:

- Dyana Baurley, MiddleGround Capital
- Adam VeVerka, NewSpring Capital
- Joe Chott, Brown Brothers Harriman
- Lori Lombardo, Entrepreneur Partners
- Joe Markle, Comcast
- Chris Miller, Eureka Equity Partners
- Drew Scannell, NewSpring Capital

#### Class 2 Teaching Team:

- Zack Sigal, LLR Partners
- Kristen Chang, LLR Partners
- Max Heller, RSM
- Adam Rosenthal, Faegre Drinker

#### Class 3 Teaching Team:

- Adrian Ironside, Guardian Capital Partners
- Damien Gresko, Guardian Capital Partners
- Neil Khettry, Murray Devine
- Judit Nagy-Eichelberger, Janney

#### Class 4 Teaching Team:

- Ken Jones, Boathouse Capital
- Brian Kerr, ORIX Private Equity
- Kent Nelson, Webster Bank
- Anne Vazquez, NewSpring Capital

#### Class 5 Teaching Team:

- Brian Doerner, Ballard
- Erin Lizotte, Berwind
- Jonathan Chou, Eureka Equity Partners
- Pat Dolan, Delancey Street
- Brad Segal, Eurofins

#### Class 6 Teaching Team:

- Kevin Foley, GSK
- Ron Charles, EY
- Lee Garber, NewSpring Capital
- Rick Gettlin, S. Walter Packaging

#### Class 7 Teaching Team:

- Lisa Millhauser, Eureka Equity Partners
- Bharat Ramprasad, Stifel
- Alix James, Nielsen-Kellerman
- Rich Phillips, Pilot Freight