

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Hometown

Buffalo, NY

How long have you been a member of WHF?

Joined 2024

Please describe your involvement with WHF.

I was introduced to WHF due to the Annual Symposium in 2024 (thank you Nicole Booth) and participated as an AI session panel member. In 2025, I served on the Symposium Committee.

What have you gained from being a member?

My experience has been a warm welcome along with the opportunity to meet others who care deeply and support each other in all that they do - at work, in community (WHF) and family too.

Fun Fact

The single layer neural network called the perceptron – the foundation of today’s large language models (ex.ChatGPT) was created in Buffalo, NY in 1958.

Describe your journey in the financial services industry and how your career has evolved to your current position.

I began my career as a loan processor at one of the first licensed mortgage brokerage companies in New York State, later becoming an owner. Twenty years later, I merged that firm with 1st Priority Mortgage and served as President of Upstate New York’s largest real estate–affiliated mortgage bank for 16 years.

In 2023, I stepped away for family reasons. During that pause, I grew curious about AI’s potential for good — and the role of Responsible AI, which goes far beyond algorithms.

That journey led me back to school, and in 2024, to founding Bridge Alvisory, helping organizations lean into possible with Responsible AI.

What do you love most about what you do?

Solving challenges and the ability to make a difference.

Hobby(ies)?

Travel, skiing, reading

How do you make the best use of your day?

I start my day using the app Insight Timer with meditation – I like that can choose the amount of time that works – even as little as 5 minutes. I am also a big fan of using time blocking for productivity (Insight Timer has focus tracks too).

Who or what inspires you?

I am inspired by people around me – their tenacity, their resilience and their never give up, we always find a way spirit.

Who do you look up to the most and why?

Our daughter. With the world as it is today, our kids have so much more/different to navigate and it's 24/7. It's been a milestone filled year, turning 21, college graduation, new job, new city etc. She has navigated with a sense of self far beyond her years. She is a regular reminder of what courage looks like.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Always remember who helped you along the way, no one does it alone.