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Orange County's Emerging Business Leaders

CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County (CLAOC) launched OC Fellows (ocfellows.org) in 2020 to retain and elevate top early-career talent in our region—critical for Orange County's long-term innovative and economic vitality. Nearly 250 professionals are connected through the diverse and engaged OC Fellows community. Now in its seventh year, more than 90% of the OC Fellows are still working in OC.

In addition to bringing outstanding commitment and skills to their teams, organizations, and personal causes, many OC Fellows give back by mentoring college students through CLAOC's programs, helping shape the next-generation workforce.

This community represents a cross-section of our local business community. Read on to meet 12 of the OC Fellows from varied industries, roles, and backgrounds.

Andrew Brodsky
Process Development Engineer
Medtronic

I originally came to OC from Colorado to begin my Medtronic career. In my role, I develop manufacturing processes that meet high-quality standards and help serve more patients. The medical device community here challenges me to think more strategically. OC Fellows has helped me build connections beyond my company as I grow as a technical leader.

Ayush Garg
Mission Software Engineer
Anduril Industries

As a software engineer, I build end-to-end solutions that enable autonomous systems to work together. My role at Anduril brought me here. OC Fellows has surrounded me with ambitious peers across different industries and pushes me toward excellence. My goal is to grow into an engineering leader in the industry.

Megan Junanto
Senior Actuarial Analyst
Pacific Life

An OC native, I value living near family, beautiful weather and the diverse culture. At Pacific Life, I strategize on products that generate income from 401(k)s. My goal is to become an FSA and a mentor in my field. The OC Fellows program has strengthened my professional confidence through its workshops and networking opportunities.

Sasha Keck
TDP Engineer
Edwards Lifesciences

Work and the outdoors fit naturally together in OC, part of what I love about it. In my role in the development program at Edwards Lifesciences, I rotate across teams and functions to gain a broad business perspective. Alongside collaboration at work, OC Fellows has expanded my peer network and connected me with leaders shaping healthcare across OC.

Lesly Kemboi
Senior Consultant
Deloitte

Raised in Kenya, I have great appreciation for OC's openness and year-round outdoor life. At EY, I help wealth and asset management firms improve key operations. My goal is to make a practical impact by supporting clients in meaningful ways. As an OC Fellow, I've connected with talented peers who inspire me to grow.

Niani Mays
NPD Supplier Quality Engineer
Edwards Lifesciences

Coming here from Atlanta, I appreciate OC's blend of nature, engineering, and technology. At Edwards, I connect R&D and manufacturing teams with suppliers to ensure compliance. I hope to become a lead auditor and enable high-quality patient care. OC Fellows has given me a pathway to connect with the greater OC community.

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Devyn Miller
Big Data Machine Learning Engineer
TP-Link Systems

I'm grateful to build my career in my hometown, OC. At TP-Link, I develop machine learning systems and data pipelines that automate workflows and boost engineering efficiency. I aspire to lead AI initiatives that grow tech talent. OC Fellows is a unique community built on growth, impact and mutual support.

Johann Otero
Senior Investment Operations Analyst
Pacific Life

From Philadelphia, I appreciate OC's year-round outdoor lifestyle. At Pacific Life, I support investment trading across mutual funds. I aspire to a leadership role mentoring future analysts. The OC Fellows program has connected me with professionals across industries, broadening my network and perspective.

Luke Owens
Portfolio Analyst
IFA

Originally from Idaho, I came to OC to attend Chapman University. At IFA, I work across the full investment process and collaborate on investment strategy for clients. I am interested in building a career in the next generation of AI-powered fintech products. I am grateful for the genuine relationships I have built within the OC Fellows community.

Sophia Rhee
Wealth Management Analyst
Bank of America Private Bank

College brought me to OC. It's where diverse talent builds meaningful careers. I work with high-net-worth clients to build comprehensive wealth strategies. I hope to make financial literacy and wealth planning more accessible. Mentoring a college student through OC Fellows has been incredibly rewarding.

Brynne Schwabauer
Senior Program Analyst
Cordis

OC is the perfect balance between quality of life and career opportunities. As a Sr. Program Analyst, I lead a cross-functional team to develop medical devices. As someone with diabetes, I know firsthand how medical device design can impact daily life. Through OC Fellows, I've gained peers and mentors who challenge me to grow.

Joe Silva
Accounts Receivable Associate
Pimco

I have lived in Santa Ana my whole life, and I value how OC combines career opportunities with a great lifestyle. At Pimco, I support client billing through quality control invoicing. OC Fellows has broadened my career perspective with opportunities to learn directly from top CEOs.

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