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Project Management Institute (PMI) Celebrates 50 Next Generation Project Leaders Shaping a Better World

From addressing food insecurity to driving social justice and promoting sustainability, the Future 50 honorees are redefining what it means to manage truly impactful projects

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 2024— Today, Project Management Institute (PMI) celebrates 50 exceptional rising leaders who are transforming the world by leveraging their project management skills to tackle today's most pressing challenges. As shown on the [2024 Future 50 list](#), these young leaders – all 35 and under – represent a diverse cohort of project professionals who are reshaping the future across industries like healthcare, environmental science, technology, and social justice.

These standout professionals are building, creating, and leading transformative projects that not only solve complex problems, but also help pave the way for a more inclusive, sustainable future. As they demonstrate, effective project management and project professionals have the power to create meaningful change.

The recognition of these 50 leaders comes at a time when project management is more vital than ever. The world needs 2.5 million new project professionals each year by 2030 to fill the [talent gap](#). As AI, climate change, and other macro trends transform industries and create new opportunities for innovation, the demand for skilled project managers capable of driving this transformation has never been higher. Project management is ranked one of the top ten in-demand skills for 2024, according to a [LinkedIn report](#).

"Many of the critical and complex challenges the world is facing will have to be addressed by a new generation of project professionals," said Pierre Le Manh, President and Chief Executive Officer at PMI. "It is inspiring to see how they are channeling their passion, talent, and creativity to address climate change, technological disruption, inequality, and other pressing issues in our societies. They demonstrate the true power of project management to drive meaningful change, and we are proud to celebrate their contributions."

Honorees from North America include Zachary Almer, who increased organ donation by a record breaking 50% across the New York Metro region. His work was responsible for 2,500 life-saving organs being transplanted. Rahim Thompson, the manager of public programs and special projects at the Chicago Holocaust Museum, spearheaded programming that delivered the highest annual visitation to date, thereby leading to greater awareness of the history of anti-Semitism. And Kristin Moreno, a dynamic and visionary project manager in the hospitality industry, focused on the relentless pursuit of equity and accessibility for restaurateurs, who belong to marginalized communities.

The full 2024 Future 50 List includes:

- Abdulrahman Ahli, PMP

- Abdulla Al Haidan, PMP
- Alejandra Muralles, PMP
- Ananta Gopal Metange
- Anas Aleassa, PMP
- Ankita Bhatia, PMP, PSPO, PSM
- Awa Bousso Dramé
- Bahati Innocent
- Benedikt Pielmeier
- Bernardo Martins, PMP
- Bledar Beqiri, PMP, CAPM
- Capt. Reed Schafer, PMP
- Celestin Nkeramihigo, PMP
- Christoph Wlotzek
- Cody Duplisea, PMP
- Darkhantsetseg Erdenetsogt
- Dr. Linzhuo Wang
- Duong Thi Nhan
- Faisal Alsulami, PMP
- Graham Garland, PMP
- Hollie Chapman
- Jay Kiew, PMP
- Jingyu Yu
- José Eduardo Durán, CAPM, PMI-ACP, PMP
- Joshua Willard, PMP
- Juliano Denicol, Ph.D.
- Kaushik Chandra L, PMP
- Kathryn Williamson Hall
- Kevin Kwakye-Safo, PMP, PMI-ACP
- Konstantinos Souroullas, PMP
- Kristen Moreno, PMP
- Lâm Thu Nguyễn
- Lauren Szymura
- Marco Carlos
- María Gabriela Urdaneta Ocando, MGP, PMP, CSM, ITIL
- Michelle Twardzik
- Nguyễn Thi Quynh Lan
- Peiyao Ni
- Prosperidade Sunguete
- Rahim Thompson, CAPM, DASM
- Robin Datko, PMP
- Swati Pundir, PMP
- Syed Saad, Ph.D., PPM
- Thomas Barling, PMP
- Vaibhavi (Vijay) Chavan

- Viktoriia Honcharova, PMP
- Walid Yahfoufi, PMP
- Yacine Oualid
- Yazhinidevi Devarajan
- Zachary Almer, PMP

PMI invites everyone to learn more about these 50 rising stars and their groundbreaking projects by visiting [PMI.org/Future50](https://www.pmi.org/Future50). The next generation of project professionals is here, and they are not just changing the way projects are managed—they're changing the world.

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