

Meet with an Alumni Career Advisor



Ira Disman '86

Ira Disman has twenty-five years of experience in the recruiting field. He cut his teeth in the recruiting industry with the Jacobson Group, the leading insurance talent firm in the country. After receiving his MBA at Drexel University, Ira morphed into corporate recruiting. In his career, Ira has recruited for a very wide range of positions at different salary levels in many different disciplines. He has reviewed thousands of resumes, interviewed thousands of candidates, and has been involved in hundreds of offer negotiations.

Along the way Ira was an adjunct professor at Delaware County Community College for three semesters, teaching the course Personal and Career Development. He is also a member of two career counseling associations, Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association (MACCA) and Pennsylvania Career Development Association (PACDA). As a committed Babson Beaver, Ira gives back to the Babson community as a volunteer alumni career advisor for several years now.

On a personal level, Ira can be found in the local gym on a spin bike or on a local trail riding his bike. Also, he likes to get his money's worth on the golf course by hitting as many shots as possible!

Ira's favorite career topics are networking advice, resume review and interviewing.

Speak to Ira in the Alumni Coach Corner on Thursday nights – schedule a meeting on Career Connect!

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Dr. Valeria S. Edmonds

Dr. Valeria Edmonds has a Ph.D. in leadership from Carolina University and an MBA from Howard University. With over three decades of corporate experience, Valeria has demonstrated expertise in the field of Human Resources at Exxon Mobil Corporation.

As a seasoned global HR business partner, Valeria is well-versed in change management, organizational effectiveness, leadership development, recruiting, and training. Within ExxonMobil, she has consistently guided individual leaders and facilitated team development using Core Strengths assessments. Her career trajectory led her to spend seven years as an expatriate in Doha, Qatar, where she harnessed her extensive experience to consult on talent management processes with the national energy company.

Beyond her corporate pursuits, Valeria's commitment to personal and professional growth extends to her coaching practice, "Masterful You" where she endeavors to empower aspiring leaders to define success and construct lives of well-being, wisdom, and purpose.

Valeria's favorite career topics are internal career mobility, career branding, and navigating and planning your career.

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Susanne Schneider-Kivelitz

Susanne Schneider-Kivelitz is a senior career services professional with 25+ years of experience in career development and transition coaching with leading international HR consulting companies and US business schools. In her current role as Associate Director at Babson, she provides career coaching for all alumni, and the part time and blended learning Miami MBA students, while managing the alumni career coaching and engagement program.

While living in Germany and working with von Rundstedt & Partner GmbH, the German market leader in outplacement and career management consulting, Susanne advised professionals and executives across industries on their career success for several years. Eventually, she led all consulting operations at two major company locations and oversaw international outplacement operations. Prior to these roles, she worked as a senior consultant with Odgers Berndtson, an international top executive search firm.

Susanne continued her career in the U.S. as a senior career coach with Keystone Associates, a leading New England career transition firm advising diverse professionals and executives. Eventually, Susanne walked her talk and transitioned herself successfully into Higher Ed as a new industry! Prior to Babson, she provided career coaching for MBA students at Boston University Questrom School of Business.

Susanne earned a dual German and French master's degree in business administration with a concentration in human resources. She is a trained banker, a certified MBTI practitioner and business coach...and a dog lover!

Susanne's favorite career topics are career (change) strategy, positioning/career story, and internal career mobility.

Speak to Susanne in the Alumni Coach Corner on Monday and Wednesday afternoons — schedule a meeting on Career Connect!

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