



## President's Message

Dear PMI TLH Community,

As the vibrant colors of spring start to blossom around us, I hope this message finds you all enjoying a well-deserved spring break. Amidst the break, I'm excited to share with you some upcoming events that promise to add value and insight to your professional journey.

First, mark your calendars for our next happy hour mingle at a new location, Island Wing Company. These networking events are curated to provide our membership an opportunity to network with each other, members of the Board, and several employers/recruiters from the area. Don't miss this chance to forge relationships...and remember to bring your business card and/or resume!

Looking ahead, our chapter meeting on April 8th will focus on managing a large integration project. This event is tailored to provide you with practical strategies and best practices for successfully navigating the complexities of integration projects. The chapter will be meeting at a new location – Parkview at Cascades – with some of the most beautiful views Tallahassee has to offer!

As we embrace the spirit of growth and development this season, I'd like to take a moment to encourage our members to consider the benefits of professional certification in project management. With 109 members in our community still awaiting certification, now is the perfect time to seize the opportunity to enhance your skills and credentials. Whether it's the PMP, PMI-ACP, CAPM, PMI-RMP, or any other certification offered by PMI, certification opens doors to new opportunities and elevates your career prospects.

I urge each of you to take a proactive step towards certification and leverage the resources and support available through our chapter.

As we continue to bloom and grow together this spring, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and dedication to PMI TLH.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful Spring Break!

Warm regards,

*Shajil K Kalathil*

PMI TLH President

## Upcoming Chapter Events



### Happy Hour Mingle at Island Wing Company

1370 Market Street

**March 28 @ 5:30-7pm**

End your workday with PMI Tallahassee! Eat, Drink, and Connect with each other, swap business cards and resumes, and talk about the exciting things the PMITLH Chapter has in store! **Don't miss this excellent opportunity to get to know employers/recruiters** - relationships that may come in handy should life throw you a curve-ball! [Register here!](#)

### April Chapter Meeting

**Managing a Large Integration Project**

In-Person at Parkview at Cascades & Virtual

**April 8 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm**

[Registration open now!](#)





## Board Member Spotlight

### Meet our Vice President of Communications, Michelle Webster!



Michelle Webster is your Vice President of Communications. Michelle was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska and spent time living in Bloomington, Illinois and Indianapolis, Indiana before moving to Tallahassee in the summer of 2019. Michelle has 22 years of experience in the private sector. She has been managing projects and programs for 20 years.

Currently Michelle is a Senior IT Project Manager for Navient, a financial services company based in Delaware with IT Operations housed in Fishers, Indiana. She manages a wide variety of technology-related programs and projects including security & compliance, technology & tool implementations, and data center migrations. Michelle also led the Cloud Transition Program to migrate a large portion of the company's non-Federal infrastructure to Microsoft Azure.

Prior to joining Navient, Michelle held roles in IT as Project Planner, Agile Coach, Project Inception Lead and Program Coordinator as a consultant at State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Illinois. In these roles Michelle helped to develop a project planning (scheduling) standard, provided Agile coaching to numerous application development teams, developed the Project Inception standards, managed an Inception team that guided dozens of IT teams through the Inception process, and provided coordination for a large international program spanning multiple departments outside of IT.

Michelle received her PMP in December 2023, is a Certified ScrumMaster, and has a Master of Science degree in Organizational Communication from Illinois State University.

## Membership Minute

### New PMI Certifications

**Congrats to our newest PMI certification holders!** Joe Bale, PMP; Stefanie Curll, PMP; Benjamin Fairbrother, PMP, Camilla Fincham, AH-MC; Felcy Gabriel, PMI-ACP; Althea Gaines, PMP; Justin Hughes, PMP; James Pittman, PMP; Shalin Pitts, PMP; Megan Rasmussen, PMP.

### New Chapter Members

**Welcome to our newest chapter members!** Joe Bale, Russell Blackwell, James Coste, Megan Dicks, Althea Gaines, Khadija Harris, Craig Hewitt, Sangeetha Karthiraj, Timothy McEnery, Chandrakantha Nadikat, Sophie Perlmutter, Amanda Street, Brooke Vilardebo,

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