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Brooke Ellingworth ('95)

Brooke is a senior executive in the global IT industry with over 20 years of experience leading business units in companies such as Ingram Micro and Logitech. Currently Vice President at Kramer, she is also a mentor for women in IT and recently completed further studies at Cambridge University to drive sustainability within the tech sector.



Jessica is an internationally acclaimed conductor who is known for her dynamic presence and musical excellence. She has led top orchestras and opera companies across Australia, Asia and the United States. Among her many accolades are the Brian Stacey Award, a Churchill Fellowship and inclusion in the AFR's 100 Most Influential Women. Jessica is Principal Conductor of the West Australian Ballet, Artistic Advisor of Orchestra Victoria, and Head of Orchestral Studies at WAAPA.

Joanna Lamb ('89)

Joanna has been a full-time visual artist since 2005, with 27 solo exhibitions in Australia and abroad. Her work is held in significant collections including the Art Gallery of Western Australia and Parliament House. A founding member of Art Collective WA, Joanna continues to support fellow artists while producing critically acclaimed, multidisciplinary work.







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Michelle Rhodes (Northover '88)

Michelle is a Technical Director at SLR Consulting and a recognised leader in environmental management. She cofounded 360 Environmental and is a director of both Peak Environmental and Decarbonology. Michelle's work has shaped major environmental projects across WA. She is a Telstra Business Woman of the Year winner, 40Under40 recipient, and Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist.



Nikki is a trailblazing cardiothoracic surgeon, author and media contributor. She was the first female heart surgeon in Western Australia to receive her Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and has trained in complex surgeries across Australia. Her recent role at AstraZeneca UK saw her lead major projects in cardiovascular health policy. Nikki has returned to clinical practice at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and is the author of three books, including the international bestseller *Can You Die of a Broken Heart?* She is also an academic and advocate for women's cardiovascular health, currently pursuing a Master of Health Policy and Planning.

Melanie White (Slater '05)

Melanie is the Co-founder and CEO of Inova Medical, a medtech startup focused on delivering innovative solutions for sustainable healthcare. Her passion for medical innovation began in childhood, inspired by her aunt's experience with cystic fibrosis. With a background in both science and business, Melanie has dedicated her career to developing and commercialising technologies that improve healthcare delivery and patient outcomes. She is a strong advocate for women in tech and a champion for diversity in STEM, embodying a leadership style grounded in curiosity, compassion and purpose-driven impact.





