

## **MGMT 857 Leadership in Action**

**Instructor:** Joe Nezwek, President, FP International, 2008-2018



Joe Nezwek was President of FPInternational, a leading manufacturer of packing materials and equipment, for 10 years until it was acquired by Pregis in July 2018. Joe is currently advising the Pregis executive team on business integration to merge companies successfully, while coaching key FP senior management through corporate leadership transition. Prior to the acquisition he served on the FP International corporate Board of Directors.

### **Overview**

This highly regarded course is designed to provide business graduate students with an opportunity to blend management and leadership theories with the real world concerns of working executives. Students will have numerous opportunities to listen to various executives speaking about their career paths, management philosophies and styles, leadership challenges, issues and learnings.

Through papers and class discussions, the students will integrate the learnings presented by guest executives with leadership concepts/thoughts discussed in the course to identify different and effective styles of management and decision-making.

*Guest speakers for Spring 2020 included:*

Russ Stanley (SFSU alum), SVP, Ticket Sales & Service, SF Giants  
Jeff Baird, VP Engineering, Celtrio  
Shih-Fong Wang, CFO, Excelerate  
Tani Girton (SFSU alum), EVP/CFO, Bank of Marin  
Christina Stembel, CEO, Farmgirl Flowers  
Tim Mullen (SFSU alum), CEO, Pina Zangaro  
Christine Benninger, President/CEO, Guide Dogs for the Blind  
Christina Harbridge (SFSU alum), CEO, Allegory, Inc  
Jerry Kuns, Entrepreneur, Exec. Board Member, Lighthouse for the Blind  
Matt Dowling, President/CFO, Boudin Bakeries