# COMPRESSED AIR / VACUUM / COOLING

1st Virtual Meeting - Executive Council Introductions

March 22, 2023

**Ashley Gates - Co-Chair** 

Jennifer Ramirez - Co-Chair

**Heather Mitchell – Member** 

**Kimberly Vickman - Secretary** 





#### **Mission Statement**

The Women in Compressed Air, Vacuum and Cooling (WCVC) Networking Group provides support to women who have chosen or are thinking of choosing a career in the compressed air, vacuum or cooling industries and welcomes individuals from every job function – engineering, marketing, sales, human resources, finance, production and every job in between. The WCVC Networking Group offers quarterly virtual meetings and networking opportunities in the hopes of empowering women in the compressed air, vacuum and cooling sectors. The group will meet in-person annually at the Best Practices EXPO & Conference.





# Mark Your Calendars for our 1st In-Person Meeting!









- Meeting Details TBD
- 3 Day Conference
- 3 Day Expo
- Compressed Air Challenge Level 1: Fundamentals of Compressed Air Systems
- Compressed Air & Gas Institute (CAGI) Certified Compressed Air System Specialist (CCASS) Exam Special discounted price of \$275 (from \$450)!



# Interested in Being a Speaker?

- Track 1– Sustainability Through Energy/Water Conservation Measures
- Track 2 Quality, Safety and Reliability
- As a Speaker, you will receive complimentary access to the Conference, a \$675 value!
- Submit an abstract at <a href="https://cabpexpo.com/conference/speaker-submission/">https://cabpexpo.com/conference/speaker-submission/</a>
- Abstracts due July 15, 2023





# Ashley Gates – Marketing & Communications Manager, Quincy



- Held various roles at Quincy Compressor for the last 17 years
- Bachelor of Arts: Marketing
- 10-year-old son
- Interests
  - Reading
  - Running
  - TRAVEL!

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on."

SERENA WILLIAMS





#### Jennifer Ramirez – VP Direct Sales, Sullair LLC



- Military Spouse & Military Mom
- 3 boys ages 18-30; 2 beautiful granddaughters ages 7 and 5 months
  - Our oldest son is a Marine and our daughter-in-law is Okinawan
  - Our middle son is in the AirForce and just got engaged!
  - Our youngest will attend University of South Carolina College of Engineering in the fall
  - Our daughter-in-law and granddaughter speak Japanese ©
- Degrees:
  - Bachelors of Science
  - Master Business Administration
  - International Management from Stockholm School of Economics
- Have been in the compressed air industry since 1999
- We have lived in 2 countries; 4 states and 8 cities
  - We lived in Europe (as civilians, not military)





# Heather Mitchell-Sr. Product Manager, Ingersoll Rand



- Married to Michael for 6 years October 22, 2023
- Blended Family of 7 Children
  - (YES SIX girls and One boy)
  - 19-2 years of age
- Degrees:
  - Bachelors of Science: Mechanical Engineering Technology
  - Master Business Administration
- Have been in the compressed air industry 11 years
- Some Fun Facts ©
  - We own a small antique store in our town
  - Our family has 9 chickens, 2 dogs, 3 cats, 1 turtle
  - We travel as much as we can!





#### Kim Vickman – Events & Ops Manager, Best Practices Magazines



- > 3 years with Best Practices Magazines & EXPO
- Degrees
  - Bachelors of Science: Environmental Science
  - Master of Business Administration
- Fun Facts
  - Married since 11/28/2020 (Cozumel, Mexico)
  - I have an identical twin sister
  - Advanced Open Water Certified Diver





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Q&A

Please submit any questions through the Question Window on your GoToWebinar interface, directing them to Compressed Air Best Practices Magazine. Our executive council members will do their best to address your questions and will follow up with you on anything that goes unanswered during this session.

Thank you for attending!





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We need you! If you are a distributor or in the cooling or vacuum industries and want to be part of the Executive Council, please contact Kimberly at kimberly@airbestpractices.com

Stay tuned for details on our next virtual meeting!





