

NYL50 Alumnae Launch Speakers

Melissa Alton is an Associate Director, Public Relations for Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. She works in the therapeutic areas of cardiovascular and metabolic disease. Her industry experience is in the areas of communications, marketing, training and sales. Melissa demonstrates her specialty of bringing clarity to complexity by distilling and articulating the essence of ideas and concepts through clear and compelling communications. As a recent graduate of the Women Unlimited LEAD program, she was recognized by her peers for the mentoring award. Helping others learn and grow is a personal core value of hers. Outside the office she is committed to spreading the joy of yoga with others and uncovering treasures at local flea markets or antique shops.

Hayley Doran began her career with Guardian in 1995 in the Employee Benefits area.

During that time she has held several positions including Group Sales Representative, Regional Manager and most recently Regional Director.

She is married to Vincent Alburnio and they have two children Charlotte and Maggie.

Debra Pesek is a Product Management leader at IBM for Business Analytics and Watson AI solutions. She leads a product management team that develops and executes data-driven growth strategies and accelerates cross-functional transformation to continuously optimize the customer experience. Debra lives in New York City with her family and loves to travel the world to experience new and exciting cultures.

Lorena Rodriguez is the Associate Director of International Accounting at Colgate Palmolive. She is responsible for the integrity of the consolidation of financial results from international divisions. She also provides technical accounting and reporting guidance to subsidiaries around the world. Prior to this role, Lorena was the Financial Controller at Hill's Canada (Hill's is one of Colgate's business segments).

She started her career in Colgate in Ecuador (her home country), where she joined the company as a Trainee in the Finance Department.