VICTORIA J. CERAMI ’81

Victoria J. Cerami ‘81 (Engineering) is chief executive officer (CEO) of Cerami & Associates, Inc., a global leader in acoustical, audiovisual, and technology consulting. Under her leadership over the past 25 years, the firm has grown strategically from a small acoustical engineering practice headquartered in New York City to a multidisciplinary consulting firm whose clients include Fortune 100 companies, world-class developers, universities, hospitals, and top architects and engineers.

The CEO has recently formed Cerami Technology LLC, which provides additional expertise in strategy consulting, program management, and critical facilities design.

A past member of the University of Hartford Board of Regents, Cerami is currently enrolled in the executive MBA program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ANNE GARCIA KAPLAN ’79, M’81, D’97

As volunteer coordinator at Yale–New Haven Hospital, Annie Garcia Kaplan ’79, M’81, D’97 (A&S, Barney, ENHP), is responsible for screening, interviewing, orienting, and placing volunteers in 20 different volunteer programs throughout the hospital system. Previously, she was director of the Friends of Yale–New Haven Children’s Hospital and a member of its parenting advisory board.

Kaplan has served as president of the Yale–New Haven Hospital Auxiliary, cochair of the Toy Closets program, and a member of Yale–New Haven Hospital’s board of trustees. She is a past member of the University’s Mortensen Library Board of Visitors. Other board tenures have included the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Guilford Art Center, and Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer.

Kaplan and her husband, Ben ‘79, M’80, were honored by the United Way of Greater New Haven in 2003 with the Alexis de Tocqueville Award.

DEBORAH KLINE ’90

In her 20-year career Deborah Kline ’90 (HAS) has created strategic branding and graphic design for some impressive global corporations—Johnson & Johnson, Caterpillar, Sherwin Williams, and Panasonic. She has received awards for her work from the Connecticut Art Directors Club (CADC), the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, and Graphic Design USA. She was president of CADC from 2007 to 2009.

Currently serving on the board of corporators for the Hartford Art School (HAS), Kline chairs the board’s communications committee. She has been an adjunct faculty member in HAS’s Department of Visual Communication Design since 1995.

AYN S. L A PLANT ’76, M’85

Ayn S. LaPlant ’76, M’85 (A&S, Barney), is president and chief executive officer of Beekley Corporation, the world’s leading supplier of simple, innovative medical products that help imaging, surgical, and radiation therapy professionals. Headquartered locally in Bristol, Conn., Beekley has remained over the years a family-friendly organization that encourages its employees to work hard and make time for themselves as well as their family, friends, and hobbies.

In 2007, Connecticut Magazine named Beekley Corporation to its Top 25 Best Places to Work in the state. LaPlant was honored in 2010 as one of the region’s Remarkable Women in Business by the Hartford Business Journal.

DOUGLAS V. RIAHI A’86, ’88

Douglas V. Riahi A’86, ’88 (Hillyer, Barney), is a director at UniCredit Bank AG’s New York City office. The company is a leading financial institution and the largest bank in Central and Eastern Europe.

Before joining UniCredit in 2010, Riahi was managing director and group head of the Diversified Industries team at Fortis Bank. Prior to that, he was a senior member of Fortis’s Private Equity Coverage Group in North America.

In 2006, Riahi was awarded Hillyer College’s Outstanding Young Alumnus Award and subsequently was appointed to its board of visitors. He has served as a member of the board since 2007 and, most recently, has been cochair of the nominations committee.

After leaving the University, Riahi earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut.