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Yael KAUFMANN '11
CO-FOUNDER & COO
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Yael (Gilboa) Kaufmann is Co-founder & COO of Learn In, and SVP Finance & Operations at Degreed. She is an investor turned operator and lifelong learner who believes that learning neither begins nor ends with a degree. Yael began her career as an investor in private equity, and was an impact investor, venture capitalist, and fintech entrepreneur prior to co-founding Learn In. Learn In has been recognized as a leader in education technology by several industry publications, a Best Workplace by Inc. Magazine, and has been covered in CNBC, USA Today, and Techcrunch, among others. Learn In was recently acquired by Degreed, and both have been backed by leading edtech & future-of-work investors. Yael earned her MBA from Harvard Business School, her BS in Mathematics and Finance from the College of William & Mary, and her passion for education from a decade of teaching and tutoring.



FRANCIS LYONS '93
CEO
OOPOLL, INC.

Founder and CEO of oopoll, a social media platform whose mission is to disrupt the attention and build a better media ecosystem. A longtime producer at MTV, Vice, and ESPN, and a patent holder of Truepic, a world leader in digital verification technology, Francis has a passion for mental health, media ethics and literacy, and increasing the role of young people in corporate and civic leadership.

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RYAN SELLS '07 CO-FOUNDER & GENERAL PARTNER DASHFUND

Ryan Sells is a Co-Founder & GP at Dash Fund, an early-stage FinTech-focused venture capital fund. He is also the Head of Data Strategy within Bloomberg's Alternative Data business. Prior to these roles, Ryan served as the Head of BD at Second Measure, an alternative data startup (YC S15, acquired by Bloomberg), and as the Head of Revenue at Pipe, an alternative lending startup. Ryan began his career at JPMorgan and graduated from William & Mary in '07 with a double major in Finance & History, while also playing for the men's varsity soccer team.

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