

# CHRISTOPHER SULLA

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## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Decisive, hands-on, results-oriented Senior Information Technology Executive with strong record in execution and leadership in all supply chain functions. Experience developing and implementing IT strategies & governance, cost effective solutions, and major projects where speed-to-market and timely information are critical success factors. Is a manager who has the ability to translate complex technology issues and opportunities into simple terms for the highest levels of management. Key competencies include;

- **IT Strategic Vision, Planning, & Execution**
- **Mission-Critical Project Management**
- **Cybersecurity Design & Implementation**
- **IT Best Practices & Effectiveness**
- **Large-Scale Budget & Financial Planning**
- **Major ERP Systems Migrations/ Transitions**
- **IT Infrastructure & Strategic Outsourcing**
- **Contract & Vendor Management**
- **Collaboration with Trading Partners**
- **Talent Management & Team Leadership**

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**IT Strategy & Tactical Alignment:** Ability to align Information Technology short and long term with business plans and objectives.

**Institutes Organizational Agility:** Performed major ERP & infrastructure work to support business consolidations, simplifications, acquisitions, and divestitures in time sensitive situations.

**IT & Business Relationship Development.** Can cultivate, negotiate, and maintain effective relationships with VP and C-level executives within and outside of the business.

**Enterprise & Infrastructure Architecture Expertise.** Streamline, optimize and maintain infrastructure functionality, performance, recoverability, security, and mobility in mission-critical environments.

**Turn-Around Experience.** Has the skill necessary to professionalize Information Technology and to make it a strategic component and partner within the enterprise using industry best practices. Believes in selective outsourcing of commodity functions and services of Information Technology.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago IL**

**2015 / Present**

**Adjunct Professor, Computer Science**

Have taught at a Graduate & Undergraduate level IT Project Management using a combination of instructional sources including; Case Method, Computer Simulation, Video, Workshop, Socratic Method, and when the opportunity presents itself industry based Guest Speakers.

- Created a new Graduate Level course entitled “Enterprise Architecture & IT Strategy” that will focus on how technology can create a competitive advantage. This course will be offered in Spring 2018 semester.
- Working with the Dean of the College of Business Management, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, and other combined departmental faculty designed a hybrid curriculum between the Business School & Computer Science departments to offer students new opportunities to learn & blend business & information technology concepts.
- Participated on a number of Panel Discussions both in the NEIU’s Business School and also the Computer Science Department

Member of NEIU’s College of Business & Management Executive Advisory Council

Member of NEIU’s Computer Science Advisory Council

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES, Hoffman Estates IL (\$1.5B Flavors & Colors manufacturer) 2014 – Present.**

**Director, Global Information Technology**

Recruited to execute a Turn Around for a highly under invested, antiquated & dysfunctional IT organization. Re-organized IT, implemented new standards & practices, & have started to revitalize the functional domain which includes 78 employees with a series of outsourcing partners at an operating budget of \$17.2M & capital budget of \$8.5M.

**CORBION Nv, Lenexa KS (formerly CSM Nv, 1.0B Food ingredient manufacturer) 2013**

**Vice President, Information Technology**

Led & completed a large IT disentanglement program as CSM decided to divest a significant portion of its business. This program was the largest & most complex portion of the IT program to carve out all related applications, infrastructure, & staffing resources for a \$2.2B portion of business.

**CSM Nv (now CSM Bakery Solutions), Lenexa, KS (3.2B Food ingredient manufacturer) 2002 – 2012**

**Vice President, Information Technology**

Recruited into newly created position to write and implement the first cohesive IT strategy for the business from a series of disjointed systems and infrastructures as a result of un-integrated business acquisitions. Was responsible for a multi-ERP environment using a common infrastructure with selected outsourcing of IT commodities. Implemented a strategy of standard systems and processes supporting two distinctly different businesses within the organization, manufacturing and distribution. This work also included defining technology standards, preferred sourcing relationships, and an IT governance framework. Directed fifty-three (53) internal resources with an operating budget of 19.5 million per year with an average capital budget of 4.5 million per year. In-Direct reports include seven (7) organizations providing outsourced services.

**ACCO BRANDS, INCORPORATED, Lake Zurich, IL (\$1.2B Office Products manufacturer) 1999 – 2001**

**Director, Systems Development**

Was hired to change the Systems Development area from a technical enabler of software to a team that partnered with the business to implement effective systems & processes. Directed twenty-eight (28) developers and business analysts in a multi-platform environment using an IT governance approach to properly manage a portfolio of projects and resources that focused on maximum return on investment. This model included a charge-back process for IT project & support costs.

## ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Director, Systems Development 1997/99, GATX Corporation, Inc., Chicago, IL

Director, Systems Development 1994/97, U.S. Foodservice, Inc., Lisle, IL

Manager, Application Development 1989/93, Team Leader / Systems Analyst 1987/89, Waste Management, Oak Brook, IL

Sr. Project Leader 1986/87, Project Leader 1985/86, Boise Cascade Office Products (now OfficeMax), Itasca, IL

Consultant 1983/85, Analysts International Corporation, Schaumburg, IL

Sr. Systems Analyst 1983, Systems Analyst 1982, Programmer Analyst 1981, Sr. Programmer 1980, Amphenol, Broadview, IL

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## EDUCATION

AACSB International, Bridge Program (17<sup>th</sup> Americas Group), 2017

MBA, University of Chicago - The Executive Program (62<sup>nd</sup> Group), 1993

BS, Northeastern Illinois University - Information Science, 1980

## PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Society of Information Management (SIM)

Association of Information Technology Professionals

American Society for Quality