

OCTOBER TECHNICAL MEETING

HOW TO HVAC

A Panel Discussion
Analyzing Diverse Careers
in our Industry



Brian Chacon

Panelist



Yindy Felkins

Panelist



Jack Zarour

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Elise Kiland

Moderator



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MEET THE PANELISTS



Brian Chacon

Brian is currently a Sales Engineer at Ascent HVAC. Originally from Cypress, CA and a proud graduate of the University of Arizona, he decided to pursue a career in construction and settled in the Bay Area with his wife, Liz, and six month old son, Beau. Brian is a past President for the Golden Gate ASHRAE chapter and 2025 CRC Committee Chair. He currently works with owners, engineers, and contractors to design and build HVAC systems and controls. His goal is to become a trusted team member for his clients as they bring sustainable buildings to life around the world.



Yindy Felkins

At 13 years old, Yindy immigrated from Hong Kong to the SF Bay Area where her father started his own HVAC business. Inspired by his work ethic and “always be learning” attitude, Yindy earned a B.S. Mechanical Engineering, with a concentration in HVAC from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and has spent her entire career with Western Allied Mechanical. Since starting as a college intern, Yindy has since been promoted through a series of roles and is now a Vice President. WAM’s vision is to Engineer Better Environments for Everyone, regardless of gender, ethnic and cultural background, or religious beliefs and she believes that a focus on diversity and inclusions has been one of the biggest assets. Yindy and her husband Brandon are the proud parents of three wonderful (and energetic!) boys, Maximus (9), Apollo (7), and Evander (5).



Jack Zarour

Jack has over 48 years’ experience in design and construction management of pharmaceutical and high technology industrial projects across the globe. As Engineering/Project Manager for CRB, Jack worked with project teams and other senior executives on key projects, regulatory compliance implementation, providing a comprehensive end-user perspective and extensive knowledge of energy efficiencies and emerging environmentally friendly Refrigeration technologies. Jack is Life Member of ASHRAE, a past San Jose Chapter president and past DRC for Region X



Moderator: Elise Kiland

Elise is a Project Manager at Critchfield Mechanical, Inc. where she is involved with estimating, designing, and managing the construction of design-build projects with an emphasis on high rise residential buildings and variable refrigerant flow systems. She is a past president of the San Jose ASHRAE Chapter and currently serves as the Junior Vice Chair of the YEA Committee at ASHRAE Society.

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