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Catherine Corrigan

President and CEO, Exponent Inc.

Education: B.S.E., Bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania; M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ph.D., Medical Engineering and Medical Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Corporate boards: Exponent Inc.

Community involvement: I'm a volunteer pianist for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto.

Biggest professional accomplishment: Becoming the CEO and President of Exponent, an incredible company of engineers and scientists where I've spent my entire professional career.

Biggest challenge or setback in your career: Leaving my consulting career behind in order to take the helm as CEO and president of Exponent. The 20-plus years I spent as a consultant in the firm inform every decision I make as CEO.

Inspirational mentor: Exponent's current chairman, and my predecessor as CEO and president, Dr. Paul Johnston.

Surprising fact about you: As a nationally recognized expert in automotive injury biomechanics, I've spent a great deal of time studying crashed vehicles to gain insights into how injuries occur and how they can be prevented.

Dollar value of your book of business: Exponent has annual revenues of approximately \$350 million and a market capitalization of between \$2.5 billion and \$3 billion.