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Arizona's most intriguing

Chief executives make their mark across the state



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Today I'm thankful for Arizona executives who aren't in the real-estate business. No offense to the others who represent the state's superdominant industry. But it's also instructive to check in on some of the most interesting executives in other fields, especially the quiet ones.

This is an unscientific look at 20 people to watch. I wasn't looking for civic-minded "business leaders," although a few would qualify. This is all business. So set aside the turkey and settle in.

Here's a look at some of the most intriguing chief executives, from the big players to the audacious entrepreneurs to the idealistic dreamers.



Jon Talton

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6 to watch

Arte Moreno: Lives here, works elsewhere. Can somebody offer him a stake?

Dennis Shields: Harbors big dreams for new central-city law school.

Kathleen Goepfinger: Now GPEC chairman, her osteopathic medical school is a powerhouse.

Doug Parker: Deal or no Delta deal, he's reinventing the rules of the air.

Courtney Klein: Hopes to go global with her student leadership organization.

Kimber Lanning: Fighting back against the big boxes.