



**A student's guidebook to**

**Leadership Series**

**Fall 2024**



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# Welcome

The **Leadership Series Event** is an initiative of the Faculty of Environment that connects students with alumni, and aims to provide transformative learning opportunities.

Thank you to all of the alumni for generously volunteering their time today. Your experience, advice and generosity of spirit are invaluable and we applaud your commitment to the next generation.

To all of the students attending, welcome! We encourage you to embrace this amazing learning opportunity, to expand your professional network and gain insights from the alumni who have come before you.

# Event Schedule

5:30 PM: Doors open

6:00 PM: Opening remarks and Keynote  
Speaker

6:15 PM: Speed Networking  
(four 15 minute rounds)

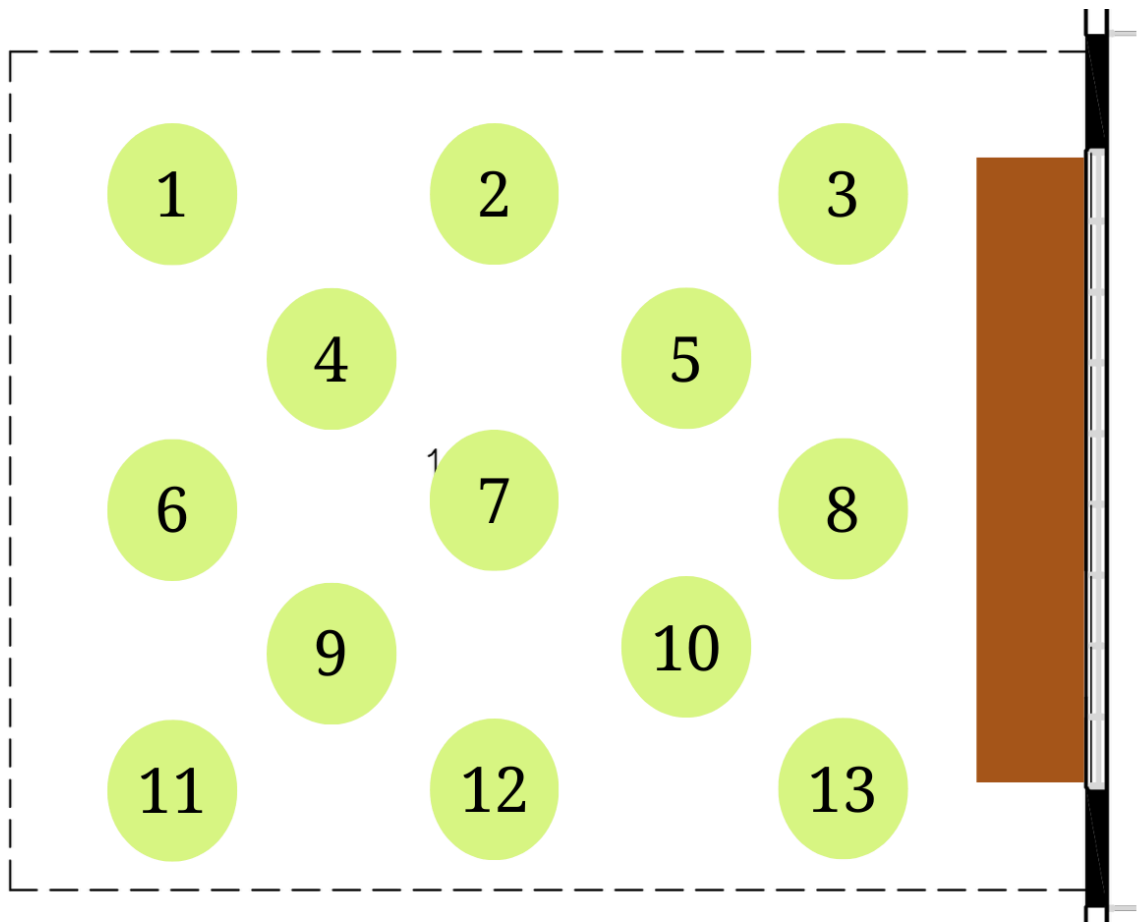
7:35 PM: Closing remarks and mingling

8:00 PM: Event Ends



# Mentor Tables

1. Alex Phillips
2. Bianca Rocha
3. Dale Van Looyan
4. Holly Gardner
5. Joel Doherty
6. Kent Willmore
7. Matthew Denome
8. Matt Scoular
9. Mitch Voss
10. Paula Hohner
11. Ryan Guetter
12. Stephanie Whitney
13. Scott Duff



# Networking Questions

1. What aspects of a candidate do you think one stand out?
2. How do I prepare for a job interview?
3. How do you get over feeling nervous when meeting new people?
4. What are the next steps on after adding someone on LinkedIn?
5. What are some networking challenges and how to overcome them?
6. What are some of your best networking strategies?
7. How did you apply your academic skills to your career field?
8. How do you market an university degree?
9. Any advice/tips to successfully securing a job?

# Get to know your peers

1. If you invented an ice cream flavor, what ingredients would it have, and what would it be called?
2. Share an interesting/fun fact about yourself.
3. What is your favorite way to network?
4. Who are you looking forward to meet at this event?
5. What is the one quote which has stuck with you growing up?
6. What is your favorite kind of music to listen to while working?
7. What is an invention that would make your work life easier?
8. What piece of advice would you give to your 16-year-old self?
9. What are the 3 values you treasure at work/while studying?
10. If you can time travel, would you go to the past or the future?



**Alex Phillips**

BES'203, MES'2013

Director, North American  
Government Relations and  
Public Policy, CIBC





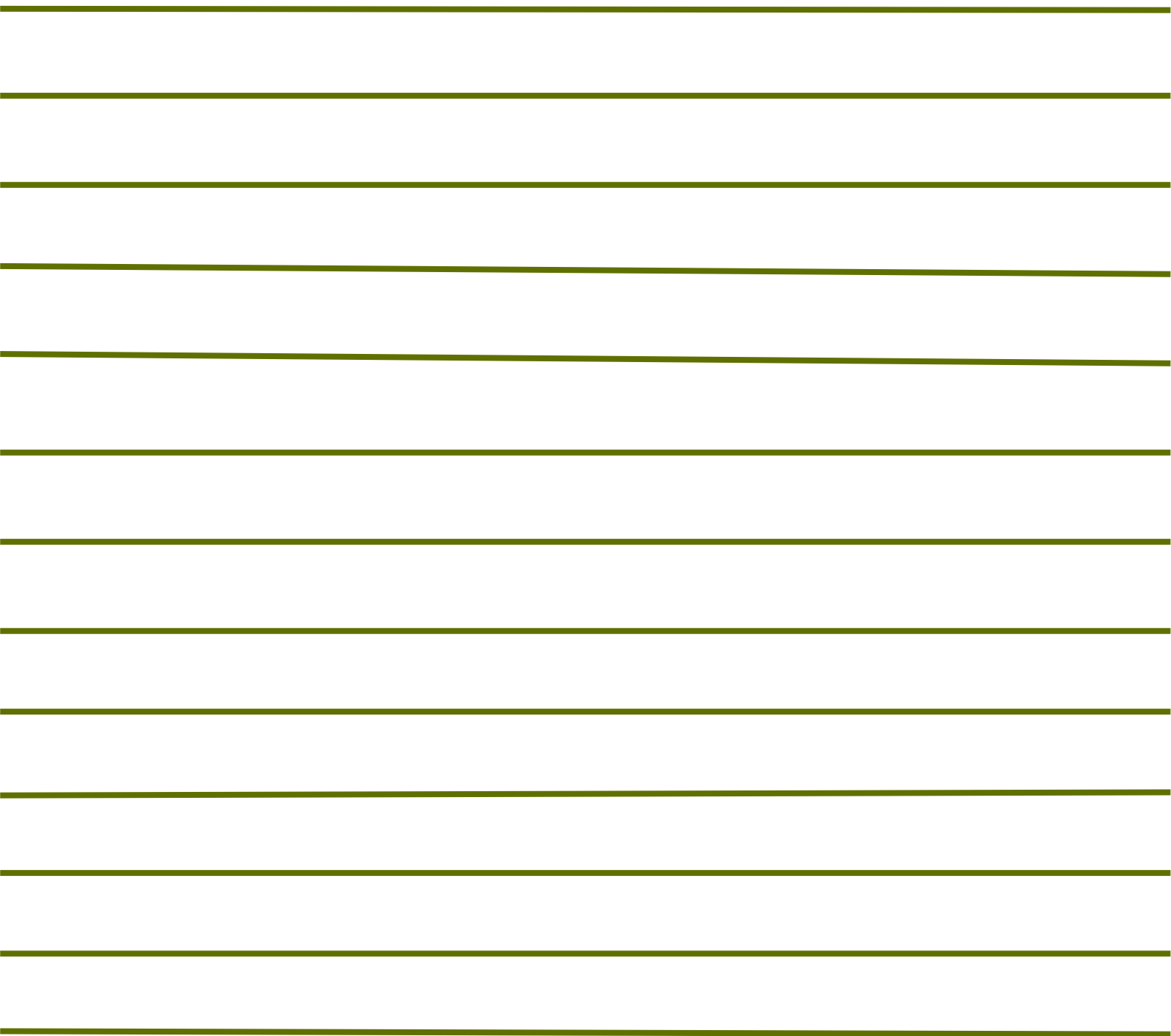


**Bianca Rocha**

(BES '15, MCC '22)

Purpose Integration Specialist

Climate, Libro Credit Union





**Dale Van Looyen**

(BES (Hons.) MAES, MEd., PMP,  
Prosci-CM, CSAM, CHAMP, ISO 19770-1  
Practitioner)

Program and Project Executive, and  
Managing Partner, Professional  
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**Holly Gardner**

(PHD' 2016)

Co-Founder, SoCitty & VP

Operations, NuPort Robotics



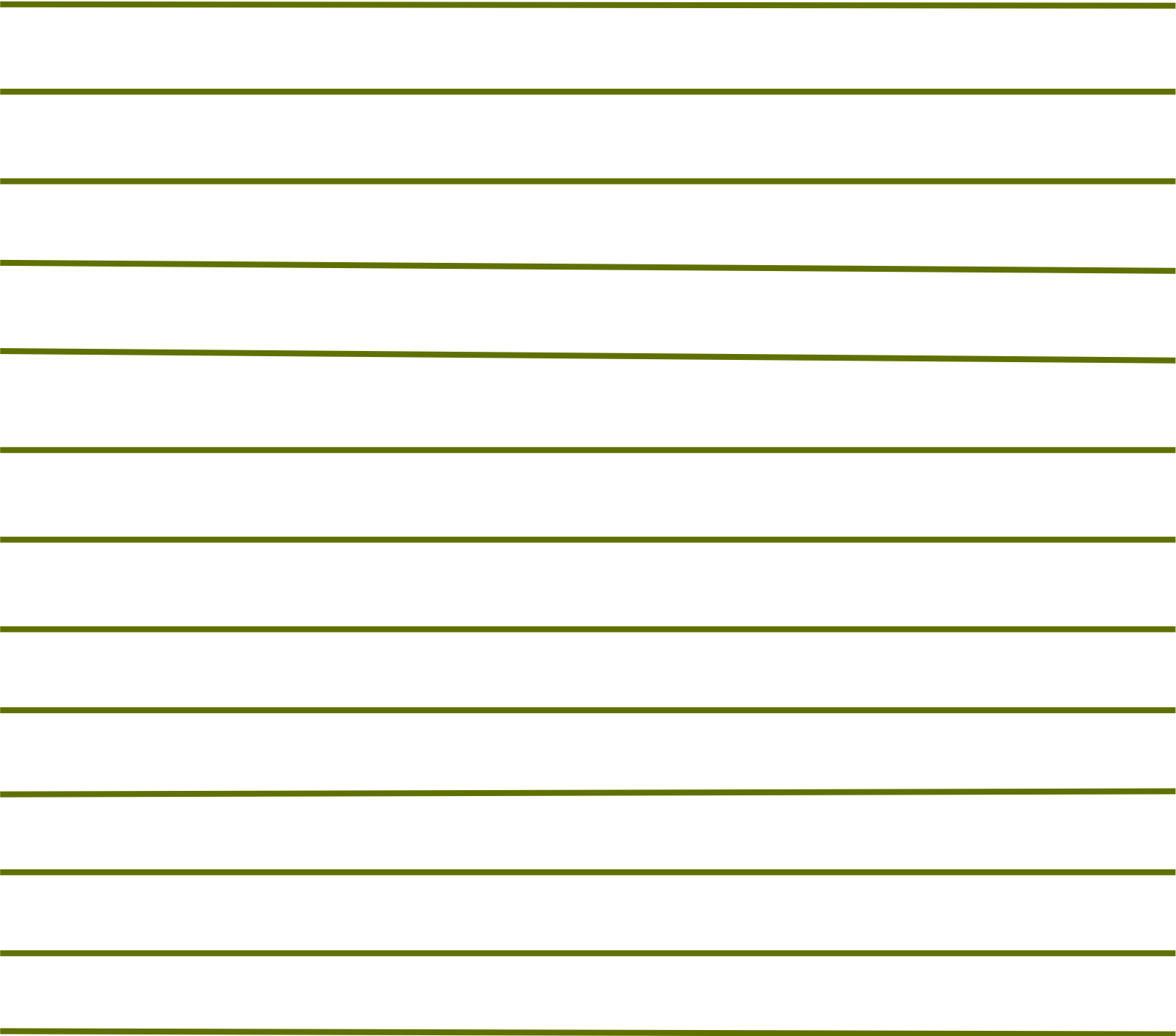


**Joel Doherty**

(BES'98)

Manager of Conservation

Lands, GRCA





**Kent Willmore**

(BES '1994)

President & CEO, AGinvest

Farmland Properties Canada Inc.





**Matthew Denomme**

(BES & MA 1991-1998)

Senior Vice President & Managing  
Director, HarrisX Canada





**Matt Scoular**

(BES '2003, MES '2009)

Power & Energy Transition Lead  
Eastern Canada & Environmental  
Planner, SLR Consulting





**Mitch Voss**

(BES' 2016)

Director, Client Services,  
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**Paula Hohner**

(BES' 1996)

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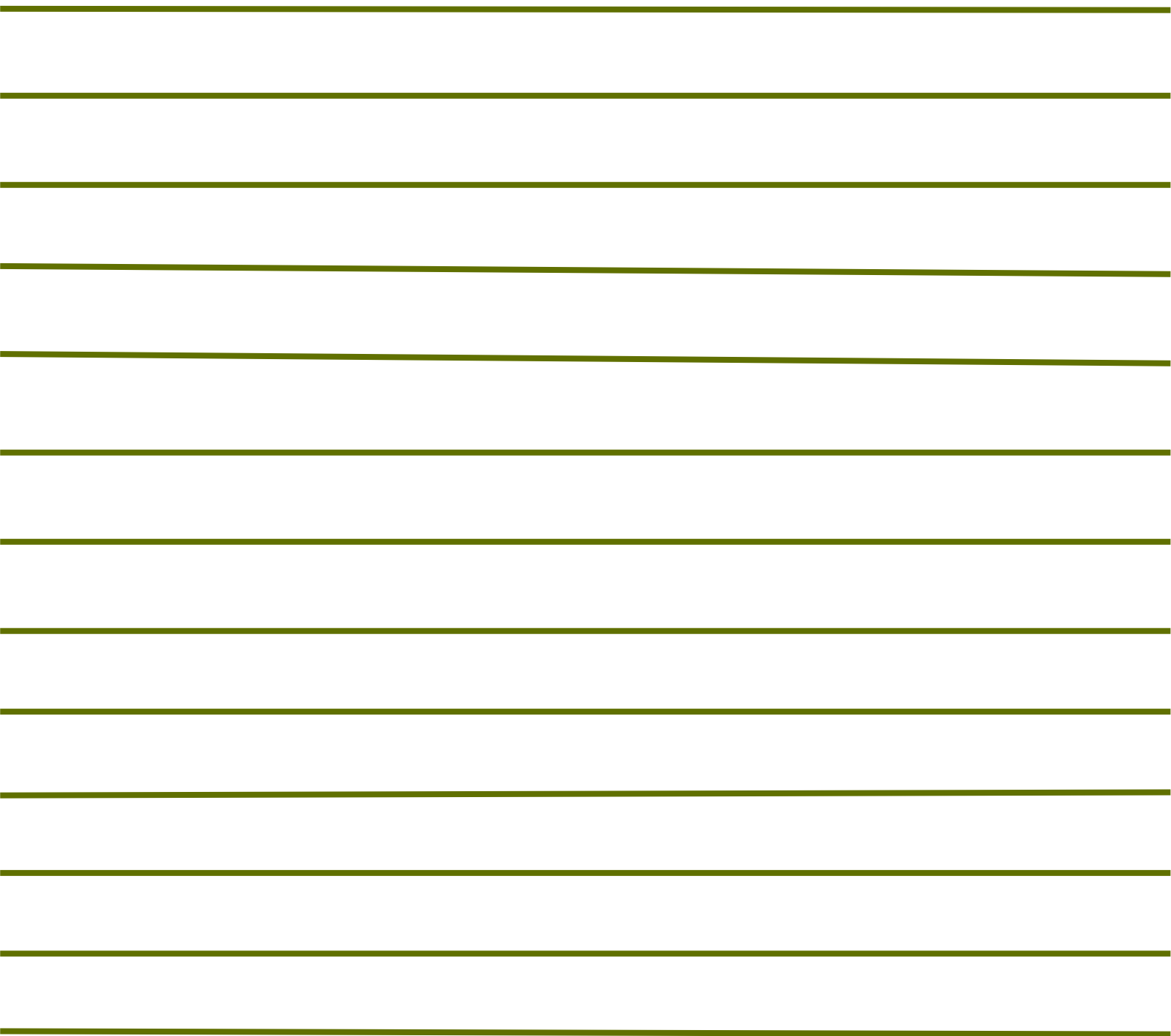




**Ryan Guetter**

(BES 2003, MCIP, RPP)

Executive Vice President,  
Weston Consulting





**Dr. Stephanie Whitney**

(BASC '04, MEB '13, PhD '18)

Director, Research & Innovation  
Partnerships, Faculty of  
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**Scott Duff**

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