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Education - Bachelor of Economics, Michigan State University

Occupation - Principal Architect/Director of Data and AI, 3Cloud Solutions

Ballooning Background

- Over 20 years of crew experience, having grown up in Battle Creek, including the many US National Championships and the 2012 World Championship.
- Began functioning in an event official capacity at regional events in 2018, followed by assisting at the 2022 US National Championship and
- Served as Chief Scoring Official for 6 US National Championships and US Women's National Championships
- Acted as Chief Scoring Official for over 20 events and over 200 tasks using WatchMeFly, as well as providing US based support for numerous other events.

Ballooning Credentials

- WatchMeFly Certified Scorer
- Balloon Federation of America Member, 2016 – present
- Hot Air Competition Division Member, 2022 – present
- Hot Air Competition Division Scoring Manager, 2023 - present

Balloon Competition Official

- Chief Scoring Officer
 - US Women's National Championship (Jackson, Michigan) 2023 - 2026
 - US National Championship (Longview, Texas) 2023 – 2025
 - Young Guns Championship (Longview, Texas) 2023 – 2025
 - Battle Creek Field of Flight (Battle Creek, Michigan) 2022 – present
 - Angola Balloons Aloft (Angola, Indiana) 2023 – present
 - Michigan Challenge Balloonfest (Howell, Michigan) 2023 – present
 - Jupiter Flights Balloon Festival (Fishers, Indiana) 2024
- Assistant Scoring Officer
 - US National Championship (Scottsbluff, Nebraska) 2022
 - Battle Creek Field of Flight (Battle Creek, Michigan) 2018 – 2021