Josh Jackson

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Josh Jackson is senior vice president and operations manager for SAIC's Navy and U.S. Marine Corps Information Warfare Operation within the Defense Systems Group. He is responsible for leading strategy, market growth, profit and loss, and program delivery across all USMC and Navy Information Warfare organizations.

With nearly 2,000 employees, the organization brings a wide range of mission-oriented skills and capabilities to Navy and USMC clients, from artificial intelligence to systems engineering and integration. His passion is solving complex mission challenges for clients using a diverse team while leveraging emerging technologies in smart and unique ways.

Jackson joined SAIC in 2002 and during his tenure has held positions of increasing authority and responsibility. He began as a program manager and then became a division manager, chief engineer, and operations manager before joining the top business leadership of the company. Josh has supported the U.S. Army, Navy, USMC, Combatant Commands, NASA, and the National Institutes of Health among others.

He has led the development of programs in test and evaluation, experimentation, simulation, analysis, training, and assessments. Jackon has also worked on both large and small scale kinetic and non-kinetic weapons systems, and has a track record of business growth through enabling client mission success and innovation.

Prior to SAIC, Jackson led an engineering team at Huntington Ingalls Industries to design the shock and acoustic systems for the VIRGINIA class submarine. Leveraging state-of-the-art technology, this team devised several innovations that enabled mission efficiency and effectiveness. While leading this team, he became fascinated with leadership and culture as critical elements of organizational success.

Jackson is an active leader outside of SAIC. He is currently a member of the AFCEA International executive committee board chartered with fostering government and industry collaboration that drives innovation. He served as the chairman of the industry advisory board for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC) and several committees within National Defense Industrial Association and National Training & Simulation Association previously. He is also active in several non-profit organizations that support community development, food causes, and homelessness.

Jackson is a founding member of SAIC's Inclusion and Diversity Council, and the executive sponsor for SAIC's STEM Business Resource Group.

Over his career, Jackson has authored numerous technical papers and journal articles in the field of engineering, modeling and simulation, workforce development, acquisition and innovation. His current areas of research interest are public private partnerships and models that drive innovation ecosystems.

Josh holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society and a certified Project Management Professional.

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