

2024 HONOREE

# Savitree PESTANO

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
HARMONY HEALTHCARE  
LONG ISLAND

started off her career in not-for-profit healthcare where she quickly found her passion and purpose. She developed a passion for serving the communities.

Savi is currently the chief financial officer at Harmony Healthcare Long Island. Harmony Healthcare Long Island is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides affordable, quality health services to everyone regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Savi joined Harmony Healthcare LI as their chief financial officer in March 2021; she has been instrumental in steering the financial strategy of the organization. Savi feels Harmony Healthcare's mission "to provide access to equitable, optimal healthcare by improving the overall wellness of all individuals in our communities and delivering high-quality comprehensive patient-centered care" aligns with her purpose and goal.

Savi is extremely proud to be part of this outstanding organization.

Before joining Harmony Health-

care, Savi held the position of associate chief financial officer at the Institute for Community Living and worked extensively at the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services for five years, followed by a decade at Ryan Health Center.

Her impressive 22-year journey in the nonprofit sector reflects her unwavering dedication to supporting the most vulnerable communities.

Savitree holds a B.S. in accounting from Lehman College and an M.S. in health care engineering from Binghamton University, combining financial expertise with a deep understanding of healthcare systems.

In 2022 Savi completed the executive program at the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Savi is passionate about contributing to society, she finds fulfillment in giving back to those in need, a value instilled by her late mother, who encouraged her to pursue her passions. Part of Savi's success was driven by her parents.

Her late mother always encour-

aged her to do what she enjoys and taught her at an early age how to be kind and compassionate to others. She believes her upbringing has a lot to do with her success and for that she will forever be grateful to her parents.

Savi believes her empathy and compassion, inherited from her mother, continues to shape her approach to serving the community.

Savi draws inspiration from her son, who remains her primary motivation in all her endeavors, infusing purpose into her work and personal life. Savi has a clear goal and a growth mindset.

Savi believes her success was enabled by faith, commitment, believing in herself, support from her family and mentors, confidence, positive thinking, and open-mindedness.

Savi also believes when you achieve success you must remain kind, humble and respectful as this will lead to even greater success.

Beyond Savi's professional commitments, she cherishes moments spent traveling and with her beloved family.



**S**avitree Pestano is a dedicated professional with more than two decades of experience in nonprofit healthcare. Savi was born in a small country

call Guyana, approximately 83,000 square miles located in South America.

Savi migrated to the US at the age of 19. Once arriving in the U.S. Savi continued her studies and

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# Michael RANT, P.E.

PRESIDENT, CIVIL ENGINEERING  
NORTHCOAST CIVIL

In 2019 Mr. Rant and his current partner, Thomas Bremen P.L.S., took over the business and rebranded it as Northcoast Civil.

A once small "mom & pop" land surveying company began its transformation into a thriving civil engineering and land surveying firm that has been able to compete with the large firms and make a name for themselves.

Mr. Rant has used his vast knowledge of civil engineering to see a multitude of projects go from a raw piece of land to a completed, fully operational development.

His hands-on approach allows him to be intimately involved in each project whether it is a small residential single-family home or a large-scale commercial development.

Each project is given the same level of attention and professional care. He continues to develop new relationships with clients and manage his growing team of motivated engineers.

Currently, Mr. Rant and the Northcoast Civil team have been involved in many development projects through-

out Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Some of the recent projects include the subdivision of a 43-acre parcel of land into seven residential building lots in the Village of Oyster Bay Cove, a redevelopment project of a vacant commercial strip mall site into a mixed-use development in the Village of Roslyn, a new four-story, 92-unit multi-family development in the Village of Mineola, site engineering for the construction of six new single-family homes in the Village of East Hills and a new car dealership in the Village of Hempstead.

Northcoast Civil has been able to complete a wide range of different projects and continues to take on new areas of civil engineering.

In the past five years Mr. Rant has helped strategically grow Northcoast Civil.

He believes the backbone to a great company is its employees and he makes every effort to show his appreciation for his amazing team. Without having a positive, enjoyable work environment employees will never give 100%. He hopes to keep the momentum going and continue

to grow his team of hard-working engineers.

As a native Long Islander, Mr. Rant enjoys working on projects where he grew up and continues to live today with his wife and four children. It is exciting to see the natural progression of properties as they change hands and are redeveloped to fit the needs of the current times.

It is important to not stand in the way of progress but rather properly plan for the future.

**What has enabled you to be successful?**

My drive and determination has allowed me to reach my goals and continue to be successful. Growing up it was instilled in me at a young age how important a strong work ethic was.

It is very rewarding to spend so much time working to get a project approved and seeing the finished product. I encourage my employees to take pride in their work and continue to grow as engineers.



**M**ichael Rant, P.E. is a Principal of Northcoast Civil and the President of the Engineering Department.

Northcoast Civil is a Civil Engineering & Land Surveying firm located in Oyster Bay. Northcoast

Civil provides a wide range of civil engineering and land surveying services for commercial and residential projects all throughout Long Island.

Mr. Rant joined the firm in 2007, which at the time was named Bladykas & Panetta, and began to climb his way up the ranks and grow the company.