Bill Blackstone
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Bill Blackstone is the Executive Vice President of Operations of Galvanize where he leads the Consumer education business known as Hack Reactor, the Military business that includes a coding bootcamp for transitioning service member as well as a prime contract with the Department of Defense, and the Enterprise education businesses that works with Fortune 500 companies to reskill and upskill their technical workforce. Since launching in Denver, CO in 2012, Galvanize has expanded its coding bootcamps nationally and expanded its services to include military and commercial clients while graduating over 10,000 individuals from its programs.

Prior to Galvanize, Bill spent 11 years at Rackspace holding a variety of leadership positions at the company including leading global IT operations, enterprise customer support, and the Rackspace Austin office. During his three year tenure as the leader of Rackspace Austin, the office nearly doubled in size to 600+ employees and was listed as a Best Place to Work in Austin three years in a row.

With a background in the arts and degree in music, Bill is known to be a creative problem solver and approaches business through the lens of the humanities. Having completed his Executive MBA from University of Texas McCombs School of Business in 2014, Bill has immersed himself in community impact efforts as an accredited investor, a mentor with Austin Technology Incubator, adviser to Austin Community College, an executive board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, and an executive board member of Merivis - a nonprofit that teaches Veterans and Veteran spouses Salesforce technology.