

BIOGRAPHY – Mark Blackwell

Mark Blackwell is a General Partner at Builders, a Silicon Valley-based venture capital fund with \$450MM of assets under management, investing in high-growth technology companies that are disrupting healthcare, agriculture, industrials, and real estate. Previously, Mark was a Product Manager at SolarWinds, which develops IT monitoring and network management tools. Mark joined SolarWinds when it acquired GNS3 Technologies, an enterprise networking startup where Mark was the Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer. While there, Mark contributed to over 1MM monthly active users, 16MM downloads, and a customer base that included the US Department of Defense, AT&T, Walmart, Google, and Facebook.

Before GNS3, Mark was an Investment Manager at Cenovus Energy's corporate venture fund, the technology investment banking division at CIBC World Markets, and business development at Enbridge in the renewable energy department.

Mark is a graduate of the University of Calgary, where he studied Business. He was honored by the Order of the University, Rising Star Alumni Award from the Haskayne School of Business, 2021 Rising Star with Venture Capital Magazine, and was recently awarded the Top 40 Under 40 Award by Avenue Magazine. Mark is also very active in the Canadian innovation ecosystem as the past executive Board Chair of the \$100MM Opportunity Calgary Investment Fund & Board Member of Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta.