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Joanne is a Staff Program Manager at Illumina, where she manages the Product Development Process. She began her career at ScienceMedia, working her way up from a developer to Development Manager. After starting the Project Management Certification at UCSD Extension, Joanne joined Gen-Probe (now Hologic) in their Program Management Office. She took on a role as the owner of the PMO processes and attended UCSD Extension again to obtain her Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. Joanne graduated from UCSD with a BS in Bioengineering in 2000. Joanne loves to hang out with her kids and husband, whether it's going to Disneyland or bowling at their local alley. She hopes her experience helps others understand that change often starts from a few key decisions, and that you must be open to see opportunities.