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Elmer Almachar began his career by joining the world-renowned consulting firm of McKinsey & Company. Initially hired as a graphics specialist, he gained additional responsibilities and eventually led McKinsey's U.S. Design Center team.

Academics always has been important to Almachar. He completed his bachelor's degree with a focus on government and religion and then received his master's degree in religious studies from the University of Chicago Divinity School. While at McKinsey, he returned to school again for his MBA from Kellogg.

The experience proved more than valuable: In 2011, he joined Kellogg School of Management as director of its Executive MBA Program, and in 2016 expanded his role to lead strategy and innovation initiatives for working professionals. In 2022, he was promoted to be senior director for Strategy, Change, and Insights with organization-wide responsibilities for strategic planning and implementation, data analytics and insights, and change management. His passion is connecting ideas and people to discover new ways of seeing and doing things, and in fostering the courage to act.

Almachar was elected to the EMBAC Board of Trustees in 2014 and served as board chair in 2016. He has been instrumental in enhancing EMBAC's research initiatives and received the 2020 EMBAC Bud Fackler Service Award for his contributions to EMBAC and the industry.