

Elyse Klaidman - Short Bio

Elyse Klaidman is the CEO and Co-Founder of X in a Box, LLC. After a 22 year career at Pixar Animation Studios, Elyse left in 2019 to co-found [X in a Box](#) and build their project based learning platform, Xperiential. X in a Box designs authentic real-world lessons, projects and programs designed in partnership with innovative companies and provides students with a deep understanding of where their passions, academic learning and real-world applications intersect. Xperiential is a community centered platform that allows participants to experience real world learning by working on authentic projects. The first Xperiential program, [Story Xperiential](#), launched in October 2021 and has reached more than 10,000 participants globally.

Elyse is a leader, entrepreneur and life-long educator. Before starting at Pixar she worked as an artist, teacher and gallery director. During 22 years at Pixar, Elyse developed and over-saw programs and teams devoted to education, exhibitions and archives. As director of Pixar University, she led Art and Film Education, Filmmaking Programs, Leadership Development, Guest Speaker Programming and Technical Training. As Director of Exhibitions and Archives Elyse curated Pixar galleries as well as two internationally acclaimed traveling exhibitions [Pixar 20 Years of Animation](#), that opened at New York MoMA, and the [Science Behind Pixar](#). In 2015 Elyse's passion to connect student interests to their educational experience was realized when she co-founded and led the team that created [Pixar in a Box](#) and [Imagineering in a Box](#).

