

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025-26

Toya Barnes-Teamer Trustee Member



Bio

As CEO of Teamer Strategy Group, LLC., Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer brings more than 30 years of experience in administrative management; strategic enrollment management; workforce development; faculty and staff training; leadership searches; board development and training; research, assessment and evaluation; and diversity, equity and inclusion. Barnes-Teamer also provides expertise in state and system-level higher education research, policy, and cross sector collaboration.

She served as Vice President for student success at Dillard University (LA). Prior to her role at Dillard, Toya served as Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS); Vice Chancellor/Provost for Louisiana Technical College; Associate Director of Admissions for recruitment and enrollment management at the University of New Orleans (LA) and as Associate Director of Admissions at Loyola University (LA).

Toya holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Loyola University and received her Ph.D. in higher education administration from the UNO.

Lisa Baudot Trustee Member



Bio

Currently serving as the Senior Vice-President and Chief Investment Officer for Pan-American Life Insurance Group (PALIG), where she oversees their \$6BN investment portfolio spanning over ~22 countries focused on the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Ms. Baudot has been with Pan-American for 40 years. In this position, she sits on numerous boards and committees overseeing PALIG's affiliates.

She has earned a bachelor's degree in Finance and a M.B.A., both from Loyola University where she graduated with honors. She also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") and Fellow Life Management Institution ("FLMI") designations.

She has served as Past-President for the local Financial Analysts Society and currently serves on the Investment Committee for the United way of Southeast Louisiana. She has also served on the Visiting Committee for Loyola's College of Business.

Because of her love for plants and flowers, in her free time, she currently is a member of the 100+ year old New Orleans Garden Society.

She is a native of and currently resides in New Orleans, La and has great passion for her beloved city. She is married to her devoted husband, Jay, and has 3 grown children.

Michael Bell

Trustee Member



Bio

Prior to his retirement in June 2019, Mr. Bell worked for Callan LLC where he helped build and then manage the firm's over \$20 billion of institutional investment portfolios for endowments, foundations, and pension plans. To achieve their investment goals, he worked with a variety of external investment management firms, trustee-custodians, auditors, and cash management and transition managers; and he was particularly focused on Callan's legal, compliance, risk management, audit, tax, and insurance matters as they related to the firm's investment management activities. Mr. Bell also provided operational, marketing, and business expertise. Mr. Bell was a shareholder of the firm until his departure. Mr. Bell came to Callan from the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC) where he worked as its Equities Senior Investment Officer and had overseen the growth of the APFC's global equities position to \$14 billion, an increase from 35% to 53% of the APFC's investment portfolio. He has also held various marketing positions during a prior career direction. During that time his employers included a computer services company, a manufacturer, a real estate holding firm, and an advertising agency. Mr. Bell has strong ties to Loyola and New Orleans. He grew up on campus as his father, Tom Bell, was a journalism professor for 28 years, and his family is the sponsor of the Ralph "Tom" Bell scholarship. Additionally, his daughter, mother, and sister are graduates of Loyola. Mr. Bell graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in Journalism and he later earned an M.B.A. from the University of Alaska Southeast. A current resident of Frederick, Colorado, Mr. Bell has lived in the South, Midwest, Northeast, West, and Alaska. He enjoys fly fishing and adventuring with his wife, retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain Virginia K. Holtzman-Bell, whom he met while attending Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans. Some of their more recent trips include hiking and fly fishing in Iceland and the Dolomite Mountains in northeastern Italy, and

driving their EarthRoamer Xpedition vehicle from Colorado to the shores of the Arctic Ocean in Alaska and back, a 77-day, 12,000-mile adventure. Mr. Bell and his wife have two children.

John Brown

Trustee Member

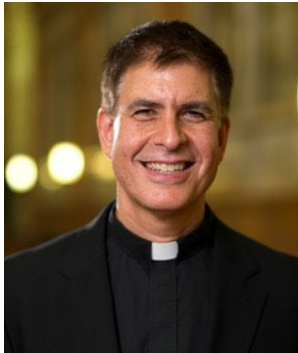


Bio

Father John Brown, S.J., serves as the 31st president of Jesuit High School, and is a member of the Board of Directors for Boys Hope Girls Hope New Orleans, and Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Houston, Texas. Originally from Eunice, Louisiana, he has served over two decades in the Society of Jesus in a variety of works and places including Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida; El Sagrado Corazón parish in El Paso, Texas; Parróquia San Jose in Tabasco, Mexico; Jesuit Refugee Service in Ozal, Iraq; The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Dublin, Ireland; St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri; and Boston College in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Rev. John Cecero, S.J.

Trustee Member



Bio

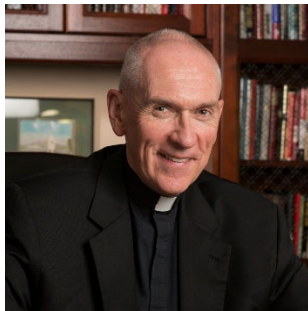
Rev. John J. Cecero, S.J. is Vice President for Mission Integration and Ministry and Associate Professor of Psychology at Fordham University. Previously, he served as Jesuit Provincial of the USA Northeast Province. In his current role at Fordham, Fr. Cecero assumes responsibility for the advancement of its Jesuit and Catholic mission, collaborating closely with leaders across all units of the university.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Fr. Cecero entered the Society of Jesus immediately following graduation from St. Joseph's Prep. He received an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Philosophy from Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA) in May 1982, followed by Master of Divinity (1988) and Master of Theology (1989) degrees from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now Boston College School of Theology and Ministry). He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1989. Father Cecero then pursued doctoral studies in clinical psychology at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and at the completion of a one-year clinical internship at the Boston VA Hospital, he was awarded the Ph.D. in 1996. Following a two-year postdoctoral research fellowship in substance abuse treatments at Yale University's Department of Psychiatry, he came to Fordham as a professor, rector of the

Fordham Jesuit Community (2007-2013) and member of the Fordham Board of Trustees (2008-2014) on which he chaired the Mission and Identity Committee. In addition to maintaining a part-time psychotherapy practice, he has given numerous workshops and presentations on spirituality, mental health, and inspirational leadership to clergy and religious. He has published widely around lifetraps theory and practice, and he is the author of *Praying Through Our Lifetraps: A Psycho-Spiritual Path to Freedom*, a book-length guide published in 2002 by Resurrection Press. He is also the author of a series of audio presentations that were produced in 2009 under the title *Spirituality, Psychology and Virtue: A Catholic's Guide to a Flourishing Life*.

Fr. Thomas Curran, S.J.

Trustee Member



Bio

Rev. Thomas B. Curran, S.J., served as the 14th president of Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO, for 16 years. (2006-2022). During that time, he led the University, with intentionality, about its Jesuit mission and values, demonstrated especially in its three strategic plans, two very successful campaigns, the acquisition of the Saint Luke's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the establishment of a number of social justice initiatives including the Center for Financial Opportunity and the creation of the Companions of Chillicothe, offering an associate of arts degree in liberal studies for cohorts of incarcerated women and correctional facility staff.

He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and was a member of the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales. In late 2011, he entered a three-year transitional period as part of the process to become a member of the "Least Society," the Jesuits. In 2015, he made his final vows and was fully incorporated into the Society of Jesus.

Prior to serving at Rockhurst, he was an associate vice president for university relations and assistant to president of Regis University in Denver, CO. Before joining Regis, he was president of Salesianum School in Wilmington, DE, a private Catholic high school operated by the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales. While in that role he was a founder of Nativity Preparatory School, a tuition free middle school for low-income boys. He also served as the school's executive director.

In 2022, Rev. Thomas Greene, SJ, UCS provincial, appointed Curran as the Coordinator for the new established Jesuit Prison Education Network (JPEN). In this role, he coordinates the efforts of the 11 Jesuit colleges and universities involved with college credit prison education.

He attended LaSalle University, received a BA in Politics from DeSales University (PA),

a Master of Arts in Theology from the DeSales School of Theology (DC), a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University (DC), a J.D. from the Catholic University of America (DC); and M.B.A from St. Joseph's University (PA).

Penn Dawson

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law; New Orleans Jesuit Community Rector; Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer



Education

Bachelor of Theology and MDiv, Regis College of the University of Toronto, 2018 (with Highest Honors)
M.A. in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, 2013
J.D., University of Florida School of Law, 1987 (with Honors)
B.A. in History, University of Florida, 1984

Departments

- College of Law
- Board of Trustees
- Law
- Loyola Jesuit Community

Bio

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) Roman Catholic Religious Order
Entered Novitiate, 15 August 2009 Professed First Vows, 13 August 2011
Ordained Transitional Deacon, 20 May 2017 Ordained Priest, 09 June 2018
- Rector
New Orleans Jesuit Community New Orleans, LA
(01 July 2024-Present)
- Assistant Professor of Law
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law New Orleans, LA
(12 August 2019-Present)
- Shareholder/Partner
Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen Tampa, Florida
(Associate, May 1991-December 1995) (Shareholder, December 1995-May 2009)
- Parochial Vicar
Saint Peter Claver Parish

Post Office Box 25
Punta Gorda, Toledo District Belize, Central America
(1 July 2018-30 June 2019)

- Guest Professor-Rome Study Abroad Program
Loyola University New Orleans New Orleans, LA
(June 2017)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law
New Orleans, LA
(August 2013-May 2015)
- Law Clerk / Associate
Shackleford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans, P.A. Tampa, Florida
(Law Clerk, June - August 1986) (Associate, October 1987 - May 1991)

AREAS OF PRACTICE:

- Legal and medical malpractice defense
- Representation of lawyers before the Florida Bar
- Representation of physicians before the Florida Board of Medicine and Agency for Health Care Administration
- Experienced also in areas of debtor/creditor relations, Bankruptcy litigation, corporate and tax litigation

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2014 Recipient of Tampa Jesuit High School's "Man for Others" Award
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent (5.0 out of 5 ratings, indicating a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence)
- Selected by peers as a "Florida Super Lawyer" (one of the top five percent of lawyers in the state) in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009
- University of Florida, Florida Blue Key (1982-1987)
- President 1987 Regis College, Toronto, AΣN (Alpha Sigma Nu) Honor Society of Jesuit Institutions of Higher Learning (2017-present)
- University of Florida, ΦΑΘ (Phi Alpha Theta) History Honorary Society (1982-1987) University of Florida, ΟΔΚ (Omicron Delta Kappa) Service Honorary Society (1981-1987).

Publications

PUBLICATIONS:

- What can the Blues Brothers teach us about the Common Good? A Primer on Thomas Aquinas' Philosophy of Natural Law
Loyola Law Review (Vol. 60, Summer 2014).
- When Someone Else's Tax Problems Become Your Own, Parts I and II
Tampa Business Journal, March and April 1996

Activities

CHURCH AND JESUIT ACTIVITIES:

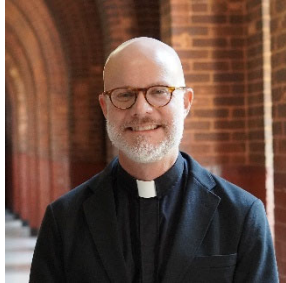
- Saint Charles College Advisory Committee Grand Coteau, Louisiana (October 2023-present)
- Loyola University Faculty Senate (September 2020 – present)
- Member of the Board of Directors Jesuit High School of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA (January 2020-present)
- Member of the Board of Trustees Jesuit High School of Tampa Tampa, FL (August 2014-present)
- Transitional Deacon Saint Peter's Parish 830 Bathurst Street Toronto, ON, Canada M5R 3G1 May 2017-May 2018 and Holy Name of Jesus Parish Loyola University New Orleans 6220 LaSalle Place, New Orleans, LA 70118-6236 (July-August 2017, June 2018)
- Chaplain, John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County (a/k/a Cook County Hospital), Chicago, IL (September 2011-May 2013)
- Karasibai Primary School Teacher, Saint Therese of Lisieux Mission, Saint Therese of Lisieux Mission, Karasibai, Guyana, (January-April 2011) (as a Jesuit Novice)
- Substitute Teacher, Rockhurst Jesuit High School (Jesuit preparatory school in Kansas City, MO) (October-December 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)
- Team Member, L'Arche Mobile, Mobile, AL (March-May 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice) Volunteer Chaplain, Evins Juvenile Correctional Facility Edinburg, TX (January-March 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)
- Volunteer Chaplain, University Medical Center (n/k/a Lafayette General Medical Center), Lafayette, LA (September 2009-October 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)

Affiliations

- Admitted in all Florida State Courts (October 1987-Present)
- Florida Federal Middle District (January 1988-present)
- U.S. Tax Court (August 1994-present)
- Member of the Florida Bar Association (October 1987-present)
- American Bar Association (October 1987-August 2009)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association (October 1987-August 2009)
- Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild (October 1987-August 200

Fr. Andrew Downing, S.J.

Trustee Member



Bio

Fr. Andrew Downing, S.J. serves as the Director of Ignatian Programs in the Office of Mission and Ministry, a role that seeks to promote the practice of Ignatian spirituality across the university community. Prior to coming to Georgetown in 2024, he was committed to similar work at Saint Peter's University, where he was the Vice President for Mission and Ministry, and at the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Jesuit university in Rome, where he taught in the theology faculty. Fr. Downing holds a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. In his formation as a Jesuit, he earned a master's degree in Philosophical Resources from Fordham University, as well as an M.Div. and S.T.L. from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Before entering the Society of Jesus in 1995, he graduated from Yale University with B.A. in Religious Studies. Ordained the priesthood in 2007, he is a member of the USA East Province of the Jesuits.

Benjamin Fields

Trustee Member



Bio

A native of New Orleans, displaced to North Louisiana due to Hurricane Katrina, Benjamin decided to attend Loyola University New Orleans to continue his academic and athletic career in the Fall of 2014. During his time at Loyola, Benjamin was immersed in many extracurricular activities throughout the campus while balancing his academic and athletic duties.

Benjamin's time at Loyola did not lack adversity. He endured three major surgeries that threatened his basketball career and cost him his sophomore and junior seasons on the court. Standing strong in his faith, he used those trials to teach him about patience and hard work. By using his time wisely, he was able to strengthen his body, support his team, and focus on his studies while also being heavily involved in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Loyola Student Leadership Council, Residential Life, Black Student Union, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Chi Alpha Christian Organization.

Upon receiving his Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance on May 12, 2018, Benjamin immediately started a full-time position as Business Manager and lead consultant for rapper "Aha Gazelle" and Aha Gazelle, LLC.

In January of 2019, Benjamin had the rare opportunity to return to Loyola University New Orleans basketball for another semester to help lead the Wolfpack to their first

ever SSAC Championship and Sweet 16 appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. While back in New Orleans, he was offered a financial service position in the Central Business District.

Currently, Benjamin is the founder and CEO of BCFO, LLC, a finance and business management consulting firm.

Joe George

Trustee Member



Bio

Joe George is president of Cox Automotive's Mobility Solutions Group, overseeing the company's shared fleet management and consumer mobility solutions.

George lives in Berkeley Lake, GA. He is married 34 years to Kelly and has three children Adam, Owen, Josie and a daughter in law Madison and granddaughter Reese. When not spending time with Reese, he is an avid outdoorsman. He and Kelly enjoy spending

time at their ranch in Montana.

George holds a Master of Pastoral Studies from Loyola University New Orleans, Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science degrees from The Ohio State University and is a graduate of the Yale University CEO college. He is an active community volunteer, serving as chairman of the board of trustees for The Atlanta Quest Catholic radio station and serving on the board of trustees for Notre Dame Academy. An auto industry veteran with almost three decades of experience working with Cox Automotive and several of its brands, most recently, George was president of Cox Automotive's Media Solutions Group, overseeing the Autotrader, Dealer.com and Kelley Blue Book brands and leading the integration of some of Cox Automotive's best-known and most-respected platforms.

Prior to that, George served as senior vice president and chief strategy officer for Cox Automotive. Earlier in his career as vice president of Dealer Services, chief product officer and senior vice president of Operations, he helped launch Autotrader.com and held several leadership positions with Autotrader's parent company, including president, Cox Autotrader/AutoMart Publishing.

Derby Gisclair

Trustee Emeriti



Bio

Derby Gisclair '73 retired after nearly thirty-five years in the investment management consulting industry. He was a member of the Loyola Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2014 and again from 2016 to 2022. He was honored with the university's Integritas Vitae Award in 2019. Derby was the co-Chair of the university's \$100 million capital campaign, Faith in the Future, and chaired the Institutional Advancement Committee for many years. He resides in New Orleans and Destin, Florida.

Caroline Gonzalez

Trustee Member



Bio

As a Texas native, Caroline attended Loyola University New Orleans to pursue academic and athletic excellence, receiving her BA in Mass Communication (2017). Drawing inspiration from her mother, who also attended a Jesuit university, Caroline embraced the Jesuit values of developing the whole person and the importance of servant-leadership. She attended Loyola's innovative School of Communication and Design to pursue professional sports reporting. Being challenged to think critically and quickly as cameras roll, while balancing a student-athlete's schedule, began preparing her for a career in reporting. She fondly reflects on and appreciates the true impact Loyola had on her. The unique exposure to opportunities, mentorship, and connections between Freret Street and Saint Charles Avenue have been invaluable to her personal and professional development to this day. Caroline is a proud member of the Loyola Athletics Hall of Fame. She shares this honor with her 2013-2014 team, which made a quarterfinals appearance in the NAIA National Championship for only the second time in school history. After graduating, Caroline began working for the New Orleans Saints (NFL) and Pelicans (NBA) quickly growing into the role of the teams' full-time reporter while still balancing part-time work with New Orleans' WDSU-TV (NBC). Caroline credits Loyola with fostering a sense of higher purpose. This led her to shift her work from storytelling in sports to more socially impactful work on the public relations team for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – ALSAC, where she informs the public and prospective donors on the lifesaving mission of St. Jude. In her personal life, Caroline enjoys spending time with her family, getting out into nature and listening to podcasts while cooking or walking.

Sonja Greenbaum

Trustee Member



Bio

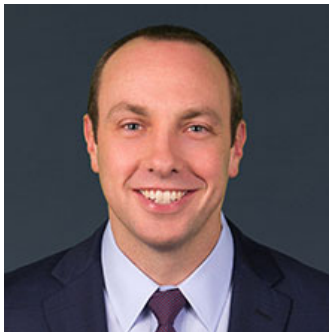
Sonja Greenbaum is a Life Coach based in Atlanta, Georgia, with a professional background in advertising and media. After earning a B.A. in Communications from Loyola University in 1994, she worked in a range of roles across the advertising and media industries before transitioning into coaching, where she now specializes in personal development and life transitions.

Her leadership experience includes board positions with Alpha Chi Omega Board of Trustees and the Atlanta Speech School. She has also served in active roles with Scouting America, The Arkady Burdan Foundation, ScreamFree, Ben Franklin Academy, Duke University, and Woodward Academy, fostering community outreach and leading fundraising efforts.

A lifelong resident of Atlanta, Sonja lives with her husband, Jeff. They have three college-aged children, who are all Division I athletes, as well as two adorable dogs. Outside of her professional and volunteer work, she enjoys music, cooking, and art.

Ryan Haas

Chair



Bio

Mr. Haas is a managing partner at Iron Point Partners, LLC, a private equity real estate investment firm which manages a series of real estate opportunity funds. He currently serves on the firm's management committee as well as the investment committee of each of the Iron Point funds. Mr. Haas' responsibilities at Iron Point include fund management, originating and structuring investment opportunities, acquisition due diligence, transaction execution, fund formation, capital raising, and investor relations.

Mr. Haas has either led or been actively involved in investments in data center, hospitality, multifamily, self-storage and single-family rental properties as well as numerous distressed transactions across a variety of product types. Prior to Iron Point, Mr. Haas was with Ernst & Young, LLP, from 1999 to 2005, where he was a manager in Ernst & Young's real estate group and provided assurance and advisory services for numerous real estate clients with a principal focus on private equity real estate opportunity funds. Mr. Haas earned an M.S. in Real Estate Development from the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 and a B.B.A. in Accounting from Loyola University in 1999. Mr. Haas is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas and resides in Dallas.

Nancy Hairston

Trustee Member



Bio

Nancy Hairston has a unique background in entrepreneurship, art and 3D technology. For 30 years she has been at the leading edge of 3D design software, 3D printing and on demand manufacturing.

After training as sculptor at Loyola University in New Orleans, Ms. Hairston became involved in 3D modeling and animation software during the rise of computer graphics in the 90's. Working for Silicon Graphics, a major innovator in the burgeoning industry at the time, Ms. Hairston worked with the pioneers and biggest names in video game development and film special effects.

In 2000, Ms. Hairston joined software start-up SensAble Technologies, where she was instrumental in implementing "rapid" digital product development between the US and Asia for major American manufacturers such as Mattel, New Balance and Fisher Price.

With years of successful art and 3D technology experience under her belt, Ms. Hairston started her own product development firm designing consumer products, VanDuzen Inc., in 2002. By 2009, through collaboration with surgeons at the UT Southwestern Medical Center, Ms. Hairston began developing new digital processes for planning facial reconstruction surgeries. Through the success of this early development, Ms. Hairston re-branded the company as MedCAD and focused on using the same 3D technologies employed previously for toys and shoes, to innovate surgical planning and manufacture custom medical devices.

Today, MedCAD is a patient-specific medical device manufacturer specializing in addressing trauma, birth defects and pathologies in oral, maxillo-facial and neurosurgery patients. MedCAD's products greatly impact a surgeon's efficiency and success, while reducing risk and providing the best possible outcomes for the patient.

Ms. Hairston and her partner Tish, split their time between Dallas, Texas and Aspen, Colorado. Skiing, hiking, biking, traveling and their dogs enrich their lives!

Deborah Jones

Trustee Member



Bio

Deborah Jones, PMHCNS-BC, MBA is a founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Psychotherapeutic Services. Mrs. Jones is a board-certified Advanced Practice Psychiatric Registered Nurse, who holds a master's degree in psychology and an MBA in Health Services Administration. Her expertise is in designing and implementing consumer-centered behavioral health service systems. Prior to founding Psychotherapeutic Services, Mrs. Jones worked in government public health for 13 years managing and directing an array of behavioral, addiction, general and specialized health services. Consequently, she is well versed in both government expectations and provider compliance. She is a national and international speaker on evidence based behavioral health and co-occurring disorder interventions, who has published and been translated into three languages. In her role as Chief Executive Officer of Psychotherapeutic Services, Mrs. Jones has ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the organization's success. Mrs. Jones brings over 40 years of leadership in the healthcare field. Mrs. Jones' also operates a real estate development business.

Dr. Rachel Kent

Trustee Member



Bio

Dr. Rachel Baribault Kent, '74, worked as a molecular biologist in academic and biotechnology research for more than 25 years. She is coauthor of 18 biochemistry, molecular biology, and cell biology publications, and co-inventor on 16 patents covering recombinant DNA technology for discovery of biologic therapeutics. She received the B.S. degree in biology from Loyola University New Orleans, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in biology from Boston University. She performed post-doctoral research as American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Trainee in Immunogenetics at Boston University School of Medicine, and as an NIH Postdoctoral Associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Cancer Research. She then joined Protein Engineering Corp. (later Dyax), a small biotechnology company in Cambridge, Massachusetts, serving as a Senior Research Scientist (1987-2000). Prior to retiring, she served as Research Director for Molecular Biology (2000-2006) and Research Director for Lead Discovery (2007-2008). The intellectual property held by Dyax, and anti-inflammatory biologics developed there, are currently owned by Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

Rachel is a former member of the Loyola Board of Trustees (2012-2018) and a current member of the Loyola College of Arts and Sciences Visiting Committee. She chaired the Mission and Identity Committee of the Board for three years. She and her husband Dr. Stephen Kent (Loyola '73, Board of Trustees 2018-2024) are native New Orleanians now residing in Boxborough, Massachusetts.

Dennis Lauscha

Vice Chair



Bio

Dennis Lauscha, a native New Orleanian, has been a fan of the Saints since he was a young boy. He attended Jesuit High School and received degrees in Business, first from the University of Alabama, followed by an M.B.A. from Loyola University.

He first joined the Saints in 1998 as Treasurer and as a result of his hard work, loyalty and business acumen, Lauscha rose through the executive ranks to serve as Vice President, Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President before reaching his now esteemed post as President since 2012.

He serves as a representative for both clubs at NFL and NBA Owners meetings. In addition to his duties with the Saints and Pelicans, he maintains multiple roles within other holdings of Mrs. Benson, maintaining a role in the management of her automotive dealerships, real estate holdings, GMB Racing, Benson Capital Partners and other investments.

Active throughout sports and the community, Lauscha currently serves as a member of the Business Council of New Orleans & The River Region, as a board member of the Audubon Nature Institute, and as a trustee of the National World War II Museum and the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF).

Lauscha has completed terms as board president of the Preservation Resource Center, president of the regional chapter of the Boy Scouts of America and as a member of the Blight Transition New Orleans Task Force, the Mayor's Transition Committee, the Super Bowl XLVII Host Committee, the 2014 and 2017 NBA All-Star Game Host Committees, the 2012 NCAA Final Four Host Committee, the Loyola University New Orleans School of Business Visiting Committee, the NBA's Team Advisory Council of Presidents and Team CBA Advisory Committee, the NFL's Ticketing Strategy Working Group, the NFL's 100th Anniversary Committee, the NFL's Sports Betting Committee, the Stuart Hall School Board of Trustees and on the New Orleans Museum of Art Board.

Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J.

Trustee Member



Bio

Brian Linnane, S.J. is professor of religious studies at LeMoyne College where he also holds the Lanigan Chair in Medicine and Ethics. Prior to his appointment to LeMoyne he served as the twenty-fourth president of Loyola University Maryland (2005-2021) and was on the faculty of the College of the Holy Cross (1993-2005). A graduate of Boston College and Georgetown University, Father Linnane received a Ph.D. in religious studies (ethics) from

Yale University. He presently serves on the Board of Trustees of Marquette University and has completed terms on the boards of Loyola Maryland, College of the Holy Cross, University of Detroit Mercy. He was chair of the Board of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities from 2018-2021.

Dr. Diana Pallais

Trustee Member



Bio

Dr. Diana Pallais has a track record with leadership roles in the corporate, non-profit, and academic sectors. This diversified exposure has helped her discern the challenges and opportunities introduced with the advent of the AI economy. She is excited to bring her blended perspective to Loyola's mission to prepare its students to lead and thrive through this consequential market shift.

At Microsoft, she served in leadership positions in corporate strategy, product management, marketing, and business development, and she launched Microsoft's suite of AI offerings. A hallmark of her career at Microsoft was multi-disciplinary work built on the belief that it is possible to serve the public good from a private sector platform. She brought together resources and expertise that advanced societal goals and created shareholder value. For example, she drove public-private partnerships (PPP) and global development initiatives, resulting in over 100 PPPs globally that served underprivileged constituencies and public policy goals while also driving growth strategies for Microsoft.

As an NGO leader she also worked across the public-private divide to deliver transformational results for her organization's beneficiaries. As an academic at the University of Washington, she relished her role as a teacher and researcher on economic development and international political economy.

Underpinning this versatility across sectors is her own lived experience as an immigrant who came to the United States, finding a new home in New Orleans after fleeing a civil

war in her native Nicaragua. Adaptability has therefore been the defining trait across her personal and professional journey.

She now lives in Seattle with her wife, Dr. Judy Aks. They have two college-aged children, Sebastián and Sofía.

A proud Loyola alumna (Political Science, 1991), she also holds a PhD in International Political Economy from the University of Washington.

Gregory N. Rattler, Sr.

Trustee Member



Bio

Gregory N. Rattler, Sr. is a Managing Director in the Commercial Banking Group of JPMorgan. In that capacity, Mr. Rattler brings over 26 years of government finance management and over 24 years of banking experience to the Governmental, Higher Education and Non-Profit clients of the bank. Spanning his 30-year banking career, he has been directly involved in financing over \$1.2 billion in government credit transactions throughout

the State of Louisiana. He has also held numerous leadership roles within the firm as and served as the 2022 Louisiana Market Leadership Team Chairman for JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA. Greg has previously served Deputy Director and Director of Finance for the City of New Orleans and as First Assistant State Treasurer for the State of Louisiana.

He holds a BA degree in Public Administration (1981) and an MBA (1985), both from Loyola University of New Orleans. He is a 1978 honors graduate of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He is fellow of University of New Orleans' Institute of Public Policy, member of the Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity, the American Society of Public Administrators and the Louisiana Chapter of the Government Finance Officers' Association. He is also a fellow of Leadership Louisiana, Inc. (1998), the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute (2003), and the Loyola University Institute of Politics.

His current civic commitments include board membership for the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine (XOCOM), Community Sailing New Orleans, Inc. and the Finance Advisory Board of St. Augustine High School, New Orleans. Greg is also a passionate member of the Silverback Society which mentors young at-risk males in schools throughout New Orleans. He is also active in the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club and is a member of the Krewe of Bacchus. Greg is a lifelong member of the Saint Joan of Arc/Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church where he serves on the Marriage Ministry, the Parish Finance Council and the Men's Ministry. Greg is married to Twyla Rattler and is the proud father of four sons and a grandparent to three grandchildren.

Lisa Osborne Ross

Trustee Member



Bio

Lisa Osborne Ross recently left her position as U.S. CEO of Edelman, where she led employees dedicated to developing communication, campaigns, and actions that evolve, promote and protect enterprise brands and reputation. Ms. Ross was instrumental in achieving Edelman's milestone status as the world's largest and most profitable public relations firm with client revenue exceeding \$1

billion. Her success pathway was setting a "purpose with profitability" strategy and vision for the U.S., serving as trusted advisor to senior Fortune 500 executives, partnership with higher education, and government institutions providing counsel on business strategy, social purpose, corporate and public affairs, and DE&I initiatives. Ms. Ross was instrumental in creating and executing Edelman's Covid-19 strategy; its Racial Justice; and launching new client offerings like the Societal Issues Navigator and Out Front, that advises clients on LGBTQ issues. Ms. Ross was a contributor and Ambassador of the agency's landmark trust and credibility research platform, Edelman Trust Barometer Global Report.

Ms. Ross is a communications industry veteran with over 30 years of experience as an in-demand social impact, public affairs, and crisis management counselor. She is known for bringing balanced and inclusive solutions to complex business and societal challenges. Prior to Edelman, she served as Managing Director of APCO Worldwide's flagship office. During her 13-year tenure at Ogilvy Public Relations she founded and headed the Multicultural and Public Advocacy Practices and led the agency's Public Affairs Division. During the Clinton Administration, Ms. Ross served as U.S. Department of Labor Communications Director, Deputy Director of the bipartisan Federal Glass Ceiling Commission, co-authored the Commission's landmark final report and was a member of the inaugural team of the White House Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach.

Ms. Ross devotes considerable time to her philanthropic endeavors, particularly her efforts to build a better Washington and to empower the next generation of leaders. She co-founded and led the Washington Area Women's Foundation, raising millions of dollars to fund grassroots organizations addressing the needs of women and young girls throughout the Washington metropolitan area. At Howard University, she helped establish a scholarship fund for students in the public relations field.

Ms. Ross has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Meridian International Center, Catholic Charities of America, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington Jesuit Academy, Ad Council and Leadership Council for the Capital Area Food Bank. She is also a member of the Executive Leadership Council and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Recent recognition includes Forbes 50 Over 50 honoree, PRWeek's Power List recipients, and PProvoke Media's Individual Achievement Award winner.

Jared Schoch

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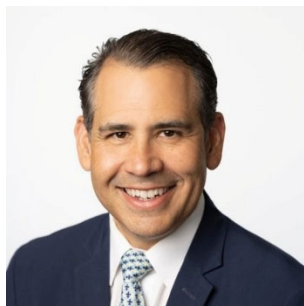
Bio

Jared Schoch is the founder and chairman of TurningPoint Energy, a national solar energy development company currently focused on developing community solar power plants across the United States and investing in every community the company works in. Over his career, he has managed more than \$3.5 billion of solar and energy efficiency projects working with utilities and communities. Prior to starting TurningPoint Energy, he worked for SOLON Corporation as vice president and general manager of the U.S. power plants business. Prior to that, Mr. Schoch spent nearly five years starting and organically growing SunEdison's U.S. utility-scale solar development business. He was also a leader in business development at Johnson Controls in energy efficiency, as well as a marketing consultant in the high-tech space during the 1990s.

Mr. Schoch resides in Avon, Colorado with his wife and two teenage daughters and enjoys hiking, skiing, traveling and a continued exploration of theology, philosophy and all things spiritual. He holds a master of business administration degree from the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver and a bachelor of arts from Loyola University New Orleans.

Dr. Leonardo Seoane, M.D.

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Bio

Dr. Leonardo Seoane has been named as the Founding Dean for the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine (XOCOM). XOCOM has a bold mission to develop the fifth HBCU medical school in the United States to train more underrepresented physicians for the U.S. Dr. Seoane also serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Ochsner Health. In this position, he leads Ochsner's continuum of education including undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education programs as well as all research initiatives. Dr. Seoane oversees Ochsner's Academic partnerships with the University of Queensland School of Medicine, the LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport Louisiana, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Loyola University of New Orleans. In addition, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Ochsner Health North Louisiana.

Dr. Seoane graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University in New Orleans, with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at

Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, graduating with Alpha Omega Alpha honors, an elite designation recognizing excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. After medical school, he completed an internship at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical Center and residency in Internal Medicine at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans. He continued his education by completing a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine through a combined LSUHSC New Orleans and Ochsner Medical Center program. He went on to complete a research and clinical fellowship in Lung Transplant at the Ochsner Medical Center where he has been a staff physician since 2002. He is regarded as an expert in the management of sepsis and medical education and has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international conferences.

Dr. Seoane has dedicated his career to training the next generation of physicians, improving the clinical learning environment, and improving the health of the communities of Louisiana. He gives back to the community by serving on the Loyola University of New Orleans Board of Trustees, founding the Gulf Coast Chapter of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and serving on the Executive NHMA Board Nationally. But most importantly, he is a loving husband to his wife, Dr. Michelle Seoane, and proud father of Eddy and Leo.

Tod Smith

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Bio

A native of New Orleans and graduate of Loyola University, New Orleans, Tod Smith assumed his current position as President and General Manager of WWL-TV, Inc. in July 2012. Prior to his current role, Smith served as President and General Manager of WVEC-TV, Inc. in Norfolk, VA and President and General Manager of

KMSB-TV/KTTU-TV, Inc. in Tucson, AZ.

Prior to Tucson, Smith was vice president and media director for Peter A. Mayer Advertising, a full-service advertising agency, and from 1999 to 2005, he served as local sales manager for WWL-TV.

Smith started his broadcasting career in 1980 with WWL-TV, then owned by Loyola University, as a production assistant and was promoted to engineer in 1982 while working toward his college degree. Upon completing his degree, Smith joined Shell Oil Company and served in a variety of professional and supervisory positions including assignments in Houston, Texas; Wood River, Illinois; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He rejoined WWL-TV in 1993 as a marketing executive and in 1995, was named director of research and audience development. He also served as an adjunct professor of Marketing at Tulane University from 2002-2005 and was named President & General Manager of KMSB-TV/KTTU-TV in June of 2006.

Smith has been an active member of several professional and community organizations. He's a former board chair for both the United Way of Southeast Louisiana and Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana as well as a member of the board of directors Children's Hospital of New Orleans, New Orleans Museum of Art and The Historic New Orleans Collection.

Smith holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in management from Loyola University of New Orleans and is a graduate of the Management Development Seminar for Television Executives at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and the Medill School of Journalism

He and his wife Kenya, also of New Orleans are the proud parents of one son, Elijah.

Cherrell Simms Taplin

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Bio

Cherrell is the Co-Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer and shareholder at Liskow & Lewis. She has over 20 years of experience as a trial lawyer and represents commercial clients, non-profit organizations, public entities, maritime companies, and major energy clients in all areas of litigation. She is also a qualified mediator and arbitrator through Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc. (maps), and is an American Arbitration Association panelist. Prior to joining the firm, Cherrell was the Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney for the City of New Orleans. Her role was as second-in-command to the City Attorney and included the position – Chief of Litigation. In April 2017, the Louisiana Supreme Court appointed Cherrell to serve as Judge Pro Tempore in Division J of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. She is also a regular Skills Instructor for Negotiation and Mediation at Loyola University College of Law.

Rev. John Thiede, S.J.

Trustee Member



Bio

Rev. John Thiede, S.J., is the vice president for mission and ministry at Marquette University. Prior to his current role, he served Marquette as associate vice provost for student success and Jesuit enrollment initiatives.

Father Thiede is also an associate professor of theology and specializes in Christology and Latin American theology. He is

working on a co-authored book with Rev. Matthew Carnes, S.J., of Georgetown University about politics, religion and democracy in Latin America and his own book for Fortress Press about St. Oscar Romero and his theological influences.

He is a native of Plymouth, Minnesota, and entered the Society of Jesus after finishing his Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-professional studies and theology at the University of Notre Dame. He completed his philosophy studies at the Pontifical Catholic University in Santiago, Chile; his regency at Marquette University High School, where he taught theology and coached hockey; and his theology studies at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2003.

Father Thiede earned his Ph.D. in systematic theology at the University of Notre Dame and published his first book with Lexington Books, a division of Rowman and Littlefield, titled Remembering Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador: A Cloud of Witnesses. He also serves on the board of trustees at Xavier University.

Conrad "Duke" Williams

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Bio

Duke Williams is a resident of New Orleans. He was born and raised in Pompano Beach, FL and received his B.A. degree in History from Loyola in 1974. After graduating he was accepted to the United States Navy Aviation Officer Candidate School program at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. After completion of training, he was assigned to Patrol Squadron Four based at NAS Barbers Point, HI conducting anti-submarine warfare and maritime air patrol operations in the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Persian Gulf. After completion of his squadron tour Williams was assigned to the office of the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C. as the Manning Control Authority for all enlisted naval aviation billets worldwide. After leaving the Navy Williams returned to Loyola and received his Juris Doctor in 1984 and practiced maritime, environmental and aviation litigation until his retirement from the full-time practice of law in 2018. He currently works with his daughter in the development and management of commercial and residential real estate. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Appropriate Technology and the Committee for a Better New Orleans, a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and a past board member of The Montana Wildlife Federation. Williams is an emeritus member of the Law School Visiting Committee and the Board of Visitors of The Medical University of South Carolina.