



WCS Board of Trustees 2009-2010



Joan Moore, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Joan is a 1984 graduate and a “lifer” of Wichita Collegiate School. After graduating from Baylor University, Joan attended the University of Kansas School of Law where she received her J.D. degree. She and her husband Tom, who graduated from Washington University and the University of Kansas School of Medicine, moved back to Wichita in 1997 after living for some time in Houston, Texas and Washington, D.C. Joan has been an active volunteer in the Wichita community, while serving in leadership positions for the Junior League of Wichita, the American Heart Association, Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Three Trees, the Medical Society of Sedgwick County Alliance and Arts Partners. In addition to these organizations, Joan became reconnected to Collegiate as her two children Gracie (5th grade) and Ian (2nd grade) became students at Collegiate. Joan was elected to the Board of Trustees of Wichita Collegiate in 2001 where she has served as a member and Chair of the Development Committee and of the Trusteeship Committee. In 2004, Joan and her husband Tom co-chaired the Promise Campaign Committee. This successful campaign allowed the Middle School and Early Childhood buildings to be totally renovated. She was elected Chair of the Board in 2007. Joan brings a wealth of experience in leadership to her responsibilities as Board Chair, as well as the unique perspective of being a Collegiate parent and an alumna.



Ellen Beren, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Ellen was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2005. With education and experience in marketing, strategy and finance, assignment to the Board’s Committee on Communication, Admissions and Retention was a natural for Ellen. Ellen is a New York native who has lived in Wichita for the last 16 years. She earned a bachelors degree in economics from Bryn Mawr College before getting her MBA from Northwestern’s J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1993. She has worked in investment banking, corporate finance, venture capital and consulting for Smith Barney and for Alan Patricof in New York, as well as for Koch Industries here in Wichita. Ellen has been very active in the Jewish community in Wichita, New York, and around the world. Locally, she serves on the boards of the Wichita Jewish Community School, the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation and the Ahavath Achim Hebrew Congregation. In addition to her involvement in Jewish organizations, Ellen’s priority has been to focus on her family and their activities. She managed her children’s soccer and basketball teams and helped coach a kindergarten/first grade soccer team. Ellen’s husband Adam, a graduate of Harvard College and the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, is President of Berexco, Inc. an independent oil and gas production company headquartered in Wichita. Adam and Ellen have three children: 9th grader Sophie, 7th grader Samuel, and 4th grader Esther.



Ron Mann, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Ron has lived in Wichita for most of his life, attending East high School and graduating from Wichita State University with a bachelor's of science in business administration. He is past Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Airtechnics, Inc., an electromechanical and interconnect distributor which was recently acquired by another firm. Airtechnics' customer list includes The Boeing Company, Cessna Aircraft, Bombardier, Lockheed, Raytheon, and the U.S. government, Ron has served on the board of directors of GAMA (General Aviation Manufacturers Association) since 1993, lobbying on behalf of General Aviation in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the Wichita State Advisory Board for the Barton School of

Business, creating initiatives that ensure success for graduates. His professional involvement has also included active membership in the Young President's Organization. Ron and his wife Barbara have two children attending Collegiate: Ashley (a senior) and Nathan (a sophomore). Ron was elected to the Board of Trustees at Collegiate in 2003 and currently serves as Board Secretary.



Ed Dunn, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees

Ed Dunn and his wife Diane joined the Collegiate community in 1995. Ed is a partner in the CPA and consulting firm of Koch Siedhoff Hand and Dunn, LLP, where he has worked for the past 28 years. He is native Kansan and is a graduate of Emporia State University with degrees in Accounting and Business Administration. Ed also serves on the board of several privately-held businesses in the capacity of Treasurer and Trustee and is a member of manufacturing and aircraft trade organizations. Ed has been active in the Collegiate Booster Club. Ed and Diane have been involved as Representatives for the Collegiate School Fund, and Diane has served as Treasurer of a grade level Parent Club. Ed and Diane have two daughters at Collegiate: Keli in 9th grade, and Kristen who graduated in June of 2009 and is

a freshman at Chapman College this fall.



Rob Babst

Robert Babst and his wife, Amy, have been part of the Collegiate family since 2003. Rob was born in Wichita and attended Holy Cross Lutheran School and Southeast High School. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Rob is President of Metal Finishing Company, Inc., a local business specializing in the non-destructive inspection and surface finishing of metal and composite parts for the aircraft and general commercial industries. Rob was elected to the Board in 2007. Rob and Amy have three daughters: Celia (4th Grade), Phoebe (1st grade), and Anabelle in preschool.



Joan Barrett

Joan Barrett is a native Kansan, born and raised in Great Bend. Joan and her husband Jeff have been part of the Wichita Collegiate family since 2003. The Barrett family returned to Kansas after living in Austin, Phoenix, and San Antonio. Joan is the President and General Manager for Sunflower Broadcasting, Inc., which owns and operates five television stations (including KWCH and KSCW in Wichita) and five websites, including CatchItKansas.com. In addition to her work, Joan is active in the community and industry. She is board member and trainer of the Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Television Journalism. She has also served as Chair of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, and a board member of Goodwill Easter Seals, and the Kansas Food Bank. She also serves on three advisory boards - two at Wichita State University and one at Kansas State University. She is a lecturer at the Church of the Magdalen and has coached youth basketball. She is a graduate of

Kansas State University. Joan and Jeff have two sons, Josh (a senior) and Jake (an 8th grader).



Yolanda Camarena

Wichita is home to Yolanda, but her heart is still in Texas where she has family. Yolanda graduated from Southeast High School, attended Wichita State University graduating with a BA in Education, and received her Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her career background has been in Higher Education Administration. Her husband, Gene Camarena, grew up in Salina, Kansas and owns his own business. They have two daughters: Potsie, who is a senior at WCS. and Gena who graduated in 2007 and attends The Berklee School of Music in Boston. Yolanda has been a member of the Board at Collegiate since 2006. Yolanda is a community volunteer and directs a leadership program for Hispanic youth called Future Latino Leaders of Wichita. She is a member of the

Board of Higher Ground, Diversity Kansas, Newman University, United Way and is Chairperson of the Schools and Scholarship Committee for Harvard College. Yolanda was one of the founding members of the Focus on Diversity Committee at WCS.



David Duncan

David Duncan and his wife Sabrina have been part of the Collegiate family since 2002. David has been with Koch companies since 1997, and is currently executive vice president of INVISTA. He is originally from Edmond, Oklahoma and received his undergraduate degree in business from Oklahoma State University and MBA from Indiana University. Sabrina, also from Oklahoma, attended college at OSU and received her bachelor's in nursing from Baylor University. The Duncans have three children at Collegiate – Ellie (5th grade), Evan (2nd grade) and Emery (preschool). David was elected to the Board in 2008.



Joan Farha

Joan Farha was raised in Wichita. After graduating from Kapaun-Mount Carmel High School, Joan attended Arizona State University, earning a BS from the College of Business. Her husband David graduated from the University of Kansas and is an entrepreneur working primarily in real estate development. Joan and David lived in Kansas City for ten years before moving back home to Wichita in 1997. They have three daughters attending Collegiate: Anna (11th grade), Grace (10th grade), Lily (7th grade). Joan began her term as Trustee for Collegiate in 2007. Joan spends her time serving the community and her church. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Junior Leagues of Kansas City, Missouri and Wichita.

She is completing her term as a member of the board of Three Trees. Currently she is the president of the North American Council Fellowship of St. John the Divine. She is also on the Board of Trustees for the same Archdiocese, which affords her the opportunity to travel across the country. In 2007, Joan played a key role as a volunteer when WCS hosted 3,000 students at the ISAS Arts Festival.



Paula Feist Alefs

After being an executive for her family business, Feist Publications, Inc., for 25 years, Paula and her husband Dan opened Alefs Harley Davidson in Wichita. She is a native Kansan, and a graduate of the University of Kansas (although she spent her freshman year at Kansas State University). Paula has been involved in the Collegiate School Fund, including serving as co-chair with her husband Dan and she was elected to the Board at Collegiate in 2004. Paula has also served on several community organizations, including Ducks Unlimited for Women, Co-Chair for Via Christi fundraising events, and the Wichita Aviation Museum. Paula and Dan have one child, Jacob, who graduated from Collegiate in May of 2009 and is attending Oklahoma State University.



Basil Hourani

Basil Hourani is CEO, President and co-founder of Pulse Systems, Inc., a national provider of healthcare information technology solutions. Prior to joining Pulse, Basil served as the President and CEO of MEDCAT Corporation, a healthcare information technology company that he co-founded in 1985, which later became part of Pulse Systems, Inc. Basil volunteered his time as a member of the strategic planning process at Collegiate last fall. Elected to the Board in 2009, Basil and his wife Patricia have three children at Collegiate: Jad (Grade 5), Mark (Grade 1), and Roman (Great Beginnings).



Jeff Johnson

Jeff M. Johnson (or J.J.) attended Collegiate from Kindergarten through 8th grade. After moving to Lawrence, KS and graduating from Lawrence HS, Jeff went on to attend Kansas University and earned a B.S. in Business Administration. After a summer at Middlebury College in Vermont, J.J. began his working career in Wichita, working for Jamie Coulter and his family of businesses (Pizza Hut, Lonestar Steakhouse & Saloon, etc.). In 1996, after 8 years with Coulter Enterprises and Lone Star, J.J. went on to become a Licensed Investment Advisor and worked with Shane Prill in the Raymond James system for 5 years. Leaving the Investment Advisory business in 2002, J.J. went on to become the President of Flint Hills National Golf Club. Keeping his hands in the restaurant world, J.J. is a partner or investor in River City Brewery / Loft 150, Jimmy

John's Gourmet Sub Shops, IN-GRED-I-ENT Restaurant (Lawrence & KC), and 23rd Street Brewery (Lawrence). Jeff joined the Collegiate Board in 2008. Jeff and his wife Corey have two children at WCS: Price in preschool and Eley in 1st grade.



George Laham

George Laham joined J.P. Weigand & Sons commercial division in 1986, after attending the University of Kansas where he earned his B.G.S. with an emphasis in Economics. He is involved in commercial real estate brokerage and leads Laham Development Company in signature developments in the Wichita area. As a native Wichitan, George's commitment to the community is seen in his developments such as Bradley Fair and Wilson Estates, Regency Lakes Shopping Center and Plazzio Retail and Entertainment Center. He is responsible for bringing many nationally known retailers and restaurants to the Wichita market. George serves on the Board of the Wichita Grand Opera and is a supporter of the Wichita Art Museum. George is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), and is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and National Association of Realtors.

George has a niece and a nephew at WCS: Brandon Somerhalder (a senior) and Alexa Somerhalder in 9th grade. George has served on the Collegiate Board since 2004.



CJ Lett

CJ Lett was raised in Hutchinson, Kansas. He graduated from the University of Colorado obtaining a BS in Business and a subsequent JD of Law degree from the University of Oklahoma City. CJ is the Managing Partner of Bison Energy, LLC, a mid-continent oil and gas producer. CJ and his wife Kim have been active in the Wichita community since 1985, including such organizations as Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas (YEK). CJ also serves as a member of the Board of Entrepreneurship at The University of Colorado. CJ was first elected to the Collegiate Board in 2006. CJ and Kim have two children attending Collegiate, Clint (a senior) and Madeleine (a freshman).



Colin Myer

Colin Myer and his wife Laurie joined the Collegiate community in 1997 when they moved to Wichita from “back East.” Born and raised in Illinois, Colin earned his B.A. degree from Middlebury College in Vermont, and has taken some postgraduate courses at Harvard Business School. Colin has served as a Deacon in his church and has been a member of an industry trade group, the Equipment Leasing Association. Both Colin and Laurie are involved in the life of Collegiate, not only as parents, but they have also served as co-chairs of the Collegiate School Fund, and Laurie is a Past President of the Collegiate Association of Parents (CAP). Colin was elected to the Collegiate Board in 2004. Colin and Laurie have three children: Charlotte graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Georgetown University in June of 2009, Gus is a senior, and Luke is a junior.



Linda Newman

Linda (Madison) Newman is a WCS lifer! As a proud Class of 1986 graduate, Linda then received her BA from Baylor University and MA from Wichita State University. She’s been in banking for 14 years – the last 11 of those with INTRUST Bank. Currently a Vice President, Linda provides Treasury Management expertise to business clients. She is married to Jon, attorney/ partner with Hite Fanning Honeyman LLP. They have 2 daughters attending Collegiate – Lolly (2nd grade) and Ivy (kindergarten). Linda is involved in a variety of community activities and sits on the boards of Three Trees, Kansas Action for Children, Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, and is the Sustaining Advisor to the Junior League of Wichita Board of Directors. Linda is also a graduate of the Leadership Wichita class of 1997 and a Wichita Business Journal 40 under 40 recipient in 2003. Elected to the Board in 2006, Linda is very proud to be following in her father’s footsteps as a member of the Collegiate Board of Trustees. Dr. Nick Madison served on the Board from 1984 to 1989. Linda and her sister Laura Farha are thrilled to have ALL the “Madison grandchildren” enrolled at WCS.



Lisa Oehmke

Lisa Oehmke was raised in Wichita and graduated from Kapaun Mt. Carmel. She went to Kansas State University and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. After a 3-year stay in Washington, D.C., the Oehmkes moved back to Wichita to raise their family. Lisa has been active in the Collegiate community since they came in 2000. She was a member of Collegiate Association of Parents where she served as president. She has also headed up Shirt Shack, co-chaired the Friends of the Library and served as co-chair of the Collegiate School Fund. She was elected to the Collegiate Board in 2008. The Oehmkes are active in their church, and Lisa has been active in the community as well. She is involved in Meals on Wheels, the Lord's Diner, Women in Action and the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Lisa and her husband Randy have three children, Ryan in 11th grade, Ellen in 9th, and Connor in 5th.



Sylvia Orozco-Do

After growing up in Mexico, Sylvia attended San Diego State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In 2004 she obtained an MD degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She is currently at the University of Kansas School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and works with residents and medical students in the inpatient rotation. Last year she was a participant in the Strategic Planning sessions held at Collegiate and was elected to the Collegiate Board in 2009. Sylvia and her husband, Dr. Pat Do, have three children: Isabella (grade 2), Alexa (grade 1), and Peter 2 (Great Beginnings).



John Rolfe

John Rolfe is a native Kansan, born and raised in Wichita. Since October 2001, he has served as President & CEO of the Greater Wichita Convention & Visitors Bureau, now known as Wichita GO! Before joining the GWCVB, he was Vice President of Economic Development for the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce and served as Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce for five years. His experience also includes more than ten years in the hospitality industry, serving as Director of Finance and Administration at both the Wichita and San Jose (CA) Convention and Visitors Bureaus. John is a graduate of Wichita State University, holding a bachelor's degree in business administration and is involved with various civic organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission, the Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Wichita Area Outlook Team, the Wichita Art Museum and the Travel Industry Association of Kansas. He joined the Collegiate Board of Trustees in 2007. John is married to Felicia Rolfe and they have two daughters, Evan (4th grade) and younger sister Erin in preschool.



Amelia Sumerell Schlatter

Recently elected to the Collegiate Board in 2009, Amelia is a native of North Carolina. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and International relations. Amelia has been a realtor with Plaza Real Estate for the past 23 years and is very active in the Wichita market. For the past three years, Amelia has coached a YMCA girl's basketball team with many girls from Collegiate on the squad. She has been an active participant in the Strong Kids Campaign at the YMCA. She and her family attend East Side Community Church. Amelia and her husband Marty have two children at Collegiate: Elizabeth (grade 5) and Sam (grade 3).



John Shawver

A member of the WCS Class of 1980, John is one of two other Trustees who graduated from Wichita Collegiate School. John is a Wichita native who majored in business at the University of Kansas, and he is President of Stelbar Oil Corporation. In addition to his service on the WCS Board since 2001, John has been a trustee for the Sedgwick County Zoo, and is an avid golfer. In 2009, John was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Wichita Collegiate Alumni Association. John and his wife Molly have two children at WCS: Lily is in 10th grade, and Sophie is in 6th grade.



Sam Solomon

Sam and his wife Shari moved their family to Wichita in 2005 as Sam joined the Coleman Company. In 2008, Sam was named President and CEO of Coleman, having served as Interim President since 2007. Before coming to Coleman, Sam's career included time with the Proctor & Gamble Company, the Coca-Cola Company, the SPX Corporation, and Kidde PLC. Sam earned his BSBA at Rider College and his MBA at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He is also a licensed C.P.A. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Outdoor Industry Association, the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Boys and Girls Club. Sam was just recently elected to the Collegiate Board in 2009. Sam and Shari have two daughters: Mackenzie (Grade 7) and Madison (Grade 4).

Todd Winter



As President of Mid-Continent Instruments, Todd Winter spends plenty of time directing several division operations including a California facility that consists of a large FAA-certified repair station and instrument manufacturing operations. He also co-founded Didcot L.C. and currently manages all lease-holding and investment activities. Todd is a private pilot and a PADI certified scuba diver. Todd and his wife, Ellen, have three sons who attended Collegiate: Van, Nick, and Ryan. Todd is actively involved in the community and numerous professional organizations. He is the Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Wichita Area Technical College aviation instrument program. He is on the board of directors for the Aircraft Electronics Association and a member of the SAE, an engineering group. He is a former trustee and currently a member of the staff/parish committee at Calvary United Methodist Church where he attends with his family. Todd is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, which was founded in 1797 in Deerfield, Massachusetts. He is

also a regional representative for Deerfield Academy. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas with a degree in Business Administration. His post-graduate work includes advanced business studies at the University of Texas.