

Selection of University Boards of Trustees

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Benjamin, Regina
Hanna, Randall
Jenkins, Leerie
Jennings, William
Lowe, Challis

Dr. Regina Benjamin's life has been dedicated to helping our nation's most vulnerable citizens. Her efforts have made her the recipient of innumerable national and international awards, including the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights in 1998. Dr. Benjamin is also the Associate Dean for Rural Health at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. She received her B.S. from Xavier University, her M.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and her M.B.A. from Tulane University. She lives in Spanish Fort, Alabama.

Randall Hanna is currently a member and past chair of the State Board of Community Colleges and has also served as a member and vice chair of the Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees. His experience in statewide education policy-making and his proven commitment to community activities will make him a great asset to FAMU's board. Mr. Hanna is the managing shareholder of Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A. He received his B.S. from the University of Florida and his J.D. from Florida State University. He is a resident of Tallahassee.

Leerie Jenkins, Jr. is the chairman and chief executive officer of Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., an architecture, engineering and planning business. Mr. Jenkins is currently a member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Council of 100. He previously served as chairman of the Jacksonville Economic Development Council from 1999 thru 2001. He received his undergraduate degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia in 1970 and his graduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1972. He lives in Orange Park.

William Jennings is the executive director of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, and has served as co-chair of the campaign for the FAMU Law School Building Fund and the FAMU Scholarship Fund. He was also instrumental in generating community support for the selection of Orlando as the site of FAMU's Law School two years ago. His family has a long history of support for FAMU; his mother and three aunts are FAMU alumnae. Mr. Jennings continued the family tradition by receiving his B.S. from FAMU in 1969. He lives in Orlando.

Challis Lowe is an executive vice president for Ryder System, Inc. Ms. Lowe currently serves on the Florida Memorial College Board of Directors, the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation Board of Trustees and the Kenwood Fund Board of Directors. She received her M.B.A. from the J. L. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University in 1978. She resides in Pinecrest.

Florida Atlantic University

Bryant, William
McPherson, Gerri
Tripp, Norman
Warshal, Bruce
Zoley, George

Dr. Bill Bryant, of Palm City, is a dentist with his own practice. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the St. Michael's Independent School from 1987 to 1993. He previously has been an instructor in the biology department of Florida A&M University, and an associate professor at Boston University's orthodontics department. Dr. Bryant is a member of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and is the Stuart Chamber of Commerce 5th grade class sponsor. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University in 1960 and doctorate from Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry in 1971.

Gerri McPherson is an alumna of FAU. She has worked in Florida's public education system for the last 28 years as an educator and principal of elementary, middle and high schools. Ms. McPherson received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Florida, her master's degree in early childhood education from the University of North Florida, as well as a specialist degree from FAU. She resides in Vero Beach.

Norman Tripp is founder, chairman emeritus and a partner in the Tripp Scott law firm. He has been closely involved with many South Florida higher education institutions over the years. He served on the State Board of Community Colleges, on an advisory board for Nova University School of Business and as a trustee for the University of Miami. He also helped establish the George Mitchell Distinguished Visiting Professor program at FAU. Mr. Tripp received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1962 and his law degree from Cleveland State University in 1967. He resides in Fort Lauderdale.

Rabbi Bruce Warshal has taught as an adjunct instructor in the FAU history department and currently teaches in the FAU Lifelong Learning Society Program. He served on the Community Support Board for the Chair for Holocaust Studies at FAU and also on the FAU College of Business Executive Advisory Board for the Campaign for the Establishment of Proposed Programs. Rabbi Warshal received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Wilkes College, his bachelor's degree in Hebrew literature from the Hebrew University and his law degree from Yale University. He is a resident of Hillsborough Beach.

Dr. George Zoley is an FAU alumnus. He is the vice-chairman and CEO of Wackenhut Corrections Corporation and has been a member of the FAU University Foundation and the FAU President's Club. Every year, Wackenhut Corrections awards corporate scholarships totaling over \$100,000 to two dozen high schools throughout the United States. Dr. Zoley received his bachelor's and master's degrees from FAU, and his Doctorate in public administration from Nova University. He is a resident of Sea Ranch Lakes.

Florida Gulf Coast University

Cobb, Brian
Lester, W. Bernard
Lucas, David
Morton, Ed
Starkey, Jerry

Brian Cobb is the founder and Vice Chairman of the Naples Children and Education Foundation, an organization that provides funding to Collier County children's charities. Thanks to their fundraising efforts this year, they were able to distribute over \$2 million to children's charities. Mr. Cobb is currently president of Cobb Corp., LLC. He attended the University of Nevada, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1963. He resides in Naples.

Dr. W. Bernard Lester is the President / COO of Alico, Inc, the company that donated the land to the state on which Florida Gulf Coast University was built. He has also served on FGCU's College of Business Advisory Council since 1998 and was an adjunct professor at the University of Florida from 1967 to 1975. Dr. Lester holds a B.S.A and M.S.A. from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. from Texas A & M University. He is a resident of La Belle.

David Lucas is the chairman of the Bonita Bay Group, a land development firm. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the Canterbury School since 1986 and was president of the Board from 1988 thru 1996. He is currently the chairman and treasurer. Mr. Lucas has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Reformed Theological Seminary since 1997. He received his Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1971. He lives in Ft. Myers.

Edward A. Morton is the CEO of NCH Healthcare System, Inc. He is currently the Chairman of the FGCU Foundation Board. Morton has served on this board in different capacities since 1997, and before that he was directly involved in support of public education in Collier County. He served on the Board of the Collier County Education Foundation and was Chairman of the Collier County Partners in Education Board. Mr. Morton received a B.S. in Accounting from Notre Dame, and he has also attended Florida International University and the University of Miami. He is a resident of Naples.

Jerry Starkey is an entrepreneur and 13-year resident of Florida who is an active leader in his community. Through grants and scholarships offered by his company, WCI Communities, he has helped many students and employees to continue their studies at FGCU. He received the Commissioner's Award of Distinction from Education Commissioner Charlie Crist for his company's efforts to improve the educational environment in the state. Mr. Starkey received his Bachelor's in Business Administration from North Texas State University and his law degree from Texas Tech University. He is a resident of Fort Myers.

Florida International University

Atkins, Betsy
Lopez, Miriam
Parker, David
Sugranes, Rosa
Wertheim, Herbert

Betsy Atkins is president and CEO of Baja LLC, an independent venture capital firm that helps high-tech companies raise funds for their early stages of development. She is a member of the Florida Venture Forum and a member of the Baptist Hospital Board. She regularly serves as a guest lecturer at Stanford University and FIU. Ms. Atkins received her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1975. She resides in Coral Gables.

Miriam Lopez, president and CEO of TransAtlantic Bank for 15 years, has been a leading South Florida banker for more than two decades. She previously served as a vice president-branch manager with Republic National Bank of Florida, assistant vice president of Intercontinental Bank, and a commercial loan officer with Southeast First National Bank of Miami. Mrs. Lopez has been active in professional and community organizations, serving on the boards of the Downtown Development Authority and St. Thomas University. She served as chair for the American Bankers Association Community Council from 1999-2000 and as 2000-2001 president of the Florida Bankers Association. She is a member of the Florida Comptroller's Banking Sunset Task Force, the State of Florida International Affairs Commission, the Bankers Council of the American Bankers Association, and the National Association of Bank Women. The Coalition of Hispanic American Women nominated her for the Vivian Salazar Quevedo Woman of the Year Award. Mrs. Lopez received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Barry University and a Master of Business Administration degree from University of Miami.

David Parker, of Coral Gables, is currently the managing partner of the venture capital firm Interprise Technology Partners, L.P. He served as the Beacon Council's chairman in 1995 and is also a member of the FIU Foundation. His experience with public/private partnerships will be a great asset to FIU's Board of Trustees. He received his bachelor's degree in 1965 from the University of Texas and his master's degree from Harvard University in 1972.

Rosa Sugrañes, of Key Biscayne, is currently the chairman and founder of Iberia Tiles Corp. She has been a member of the FIU Foundation Board of Trustees since 1995 and a member of the University's Executive Committee since 1996. In 1999, the Small Business Council of America named her the Small Business Person of the Year, and last year Governor Bush appointed her to the Florida Transportation Commission. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1979 from the University of Barcelona.

Dr. Herbert Wertheim, of Coral Gables, is chairman and founder of Brain Power, Inc. He is a former chairman and vice-chairman of the FIU Foundation Board of Trustees. Besides having served on FIU's Foundation for the past 14 years, he was also the chairman and co-chair of the University's Capital Campaign, which raised more than \$200 million, and the chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Wertheim received his bachelor's degree from the Southern College of Optometry.

Florida State University

Ford, David

Garcia, Manuel

Knowles, Harold

Marshall, Stanley

McGee, E. Ann

David Ford, of Rosemount, has been the Managing Director of Goldman, Sachs & Company's Global Asset Management division since 1970. He is currently a member of the FSU Foundation and a member of the Overseers of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He has actively participated in several fundraising and strategic planning boards and committees for FSU, Amherst College, and the Wharton School. Mr. Ford received his Bachelor's degree from FSU in 1968 and his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970.

Manny Garcia, of Winter Springs, is chief executive officer of Atlantic Coast Management, Inc., and chairman of the board for Culinary Concepts, Inc. He is former director of the Orange County Public Schools Foundation and National Cities in Schools Foundation. He currently serves as a director of the University of Central Florida Foundation. Mr. Garcia received his Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1965.

Harold Knowles, of Tallahassee, is the managing shareholder in Knowles, Marks & Randolph, the oldest African-American law firm in North Florida. He is responsible for the firm's real estate, probate and bond finance sections. For ten years he served in a pro bono capacity as general counsel for Florida A&M University and is a former member of the university's Board of Directors. Mr. Knowles received his Bachelor's degree from FSU in 1970 and his law degree from the FSU College of Law in 1973.

Dr. J. Stanley Marshall, of Tallahassee, is the founding chairman of The James Madison Institute, whose mission is to advance ideas such as economic freedom, limited government, federalism, traditional values, the rule of law, individual liberty and personal responsibility. He is a former president of FSU. Dr. Marshall received an honorary doctorate from the University of Florida, his Bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock State College in 1947, his Master's and PhD from Syracuse University in 1950.

Dr. E. Ann McGee, of Winter Springs, is president of Seminole Community College, a comprehensive institution serving 30,000 students in the Central Florida area. She has 29 years of experience in education. Dr. McGee previously served as dean of students at Florida Keys Community College, provost for the South Campus of Broward Community College (BCC) and vice-president for development and executive director of the BCC Foundation. She is an active member of the American Association of Community Colleges National Board, Florida Association of Colleges and Universities Board and Higher Education Research and Development Institute. Dr. McGee received her Associate of Arts degree from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1968, her Bachelor's degree from FSU in 1970, her master's degree from FSU in 1971, and her Doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University in 1980.

New College of Florida

Allen, Bob
Blalock, Robert
Cranor, John
Dupree, Jerome
Misemer, Kenneth

Bob Allen is an attorney with the firm of Allen & Galego in Miami, where his practice focuses on foreign investment in the U.S., international television, sports programming, and manufacturing. He is a member of the New College Foundation board of trustees, a founding member of the New College Alumni Association board of directors, and a former St. Thomas University trustee. Mr. Allen served as founding Chairman of The Miami Bridge, Inc. (a half-way house for troubled teens), as well as a member of the board of trustees of the College Assistance Program of Dade County, and was a founding Director of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa. Allen received his undergraduate degree from New College in 1978 and his law degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1981. Mr. Allen is a resident of Key Biscayne.

Robert G. Blalock is an attorney and president of Blalock, Landers, Walters & Vogler, P.A. He served as a trustee for the New College Foundation, as well as the Foundation's Vice-Chair. Mr. Blalock is also a member, and former president, of the Board of Trustees for the John and Mable Ringling Museum. He was also president of the Florida West Coast Symphony, and the United Way of Manatee County. Mr. Blalock received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1960 and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida in 1963. Mr. Blalock is a resident of Bradenton.

John Cranor, III has been a trustee of the New College Foundation since 1985 and served four years as chairman. He led a successful capital campaign that raised \$32 million for the college, and secured a \$1 million grant from the PepsiCo, Inc. Foundation. Mr. Cranor led the effort to establish an Alumnae/i Association and sat on the governing board for six years. He has served as president/CEO of Wilson Sporting Goods, KFC Worldwide, Long John Silvers, Pepsi Cola Fountain Beverage, and Pepsi Cola East. Mr. Cranor received his bachelor's degree from New College in 1967, and his masters in business administration from Harvard University in 1971. Mr. Cranor is a resident of Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Jerome Dupree is the pastor of Koinonia Baptist Church. He previously served as Mayor of Sarasota, as well as City Commissioner for four years. Mr. Dupree has spent more than 30 years working to improve education, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Children First, SCOPE and First Union Bank of Sarasota. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Florida A&M University in 1957, and received a certificate in International Education from the University of South Florida. Mr. Dupree is a resident of Sarasota.

Kenneth Misemer is an attorney with Allgood & Misemer, P.A. He has been involved with the New College Foundation Board of Trustees since 1977, and is the current Chairman of the Board. Mr. Misemer was instrumental in founding New College's Alumnae/i Association. He is a trustee of the Morton Plant North Bay Hospital Board, and serves as chairman. Mr. Misemer received his bachelor's degree from New College in 1968, attended Harvard Business School, and received his juris doctorate from the University of Florida Law School in 1972. Mr. Misemer is a resident of New Port Richey.

University of Florida

McGriff, W.A.
Merkel, Joelen
O'Connell, Cynthia
Thweatt, Albert
Warrington, Alfred

Mac McGriff of Jacksonville, is a private investor. Previously, he was the president and CEO of the University Medical Center in Jacksonville. While there, he supported the UF Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Dentistry with resources to expand and build their teaching and research programs in the Jacksonville area. Mr. McGriff is a member of the board, chair of the finance committee and president of the UF Foundation. He served as a Board of Regents designee to the University of Florida for the Jacksonville area and a Board of Regents designee to the University Athletic Association, Inc. He received his Bachelor's degree from UF in 1969.

Joelen Merkel, of Ocean Ridge, is the senior vice-president and treasurer of Chris-Craft Industries, Inc. She currently serves as a member of the UF Foundation Board, the UF Foundation Finance Committee, the UF Fisher School of Accounting Steering Committee and the UF Fisher School of Accounting Campaign Steering Committee. She has also served on the UF President's Council. Ms. Merkel serves on the board of directors of BHC Communications, Inc. She received her Bachelor's degree from UF in 1973.

Cynthia O'Connell is the widow of former UF President Stephen C. O'Connell, Cynthia O'Connell is the managing director of the Tallahassee branch of Webershandwick Worldwide, a New York-based public relations firm. In this position, O'Connell served as project director of Florida World Pavilion, a showcase of Florida's history, culture, technology and business presented during the 2000 Olympic games in Australia. O'Connell has operated her own business, Total Event Management in Tallahassee, and is a former advertising manager for First Florida Bank in Tampa. She graduated from Florida State University in 1978 and received a continuing education certificate from Louisiana State University in 1985. O'Connell has served the state of Florida in various capacities and has actively supported the Florida University System.

Albert W. Thweatt Sr. is founder and CEO of Alrod Enterprises, a security service firm located in Petersburg, Va. He has held a number of positions in the Virginia educational system, including assistant principal of Hopewell City School and staff specialist for the University of Virginia. He earned his bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State University in 1965, his master's from Virginia State University in 1971 and his doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1980. His son, Albert W. Thweatt II, also is associated with Alrod Enterprises. He graduated from UF with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1991 and a law degree in 1994.

Al Warrington, IV, of Houston, is a self-employed investor and entrepreneur. He was one of the three original members of the UF College of Business Advisory Committee and founded the Steering Committee of what is now the Fisher School of Accounting at UF. In addition, he has served as national president of both the UF Alumni Association and the Gator Boosters. Mr. Warrington served on both the Florida and Texas Commissions on Higher Public Education and recently chaired the capital campaign for the UF College of Business. He also serves as a mentor to several students at UF and is active in the Boy Scouts of America in Houston. He received his Bachelor's degree from UF in 1958.

University of Central Florida

Christiansen, Patrick

Lee, Richard

Rosen, Harris

Walsh, Richard

Yochum, Thomas

Pat Christiansen, of Orlando, is an attorney with Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. He currently serves as a trustee for the UCF Foundation Board and previously taught at UCF as an ad hoc professor in business law. He also serves as trustee on the UCF Civic Theater, which emphasizes children's programs and other University projects. Christiansen is also associated with the Orlando Museum of Art and has worked with UCF regarding various exhibits. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1972.

Rick Lee, of Chuluota, is the CEO of the Citizens Bank of Oviedo. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Seminole Community College and on the Board of Directors for The Masters Academy, a private school in Central Florida. Lee is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Oviedo Downtown Revitalization Committee. He received the UCF Alumni of the Year, College of Arts and Science award in 1999. Lee received his Bachelor's degree from UCF in 1985 and his banking degree from the Graduate School of Banking, LSU in 1991.

Harris Rosen, of Orlando, is the president and CEO of Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Inc. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA Aquatic Center. Rosen is a member of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen and the Waldorf Astoria Distinguished Alumni Association. He is the past president of the Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. His most recent philanthropic endeavor is a \$2.5 million scholarship endowment for UCF, which has been matched by the state. Rosen has also recently pledged \$10 million to build a new School of Hospitality Management at UCF. Rosen received his Bachelor's degree from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in 1961.

Rick Walsh, of Orlando, is an executive with Darden Restaurants, Inc. He serves as a trustee with the UCF Foundation and is on the Dean's Advisory Council, UCF College of Business. Walsh coordinated the endowment of the country's first Chair in Restaurant Management at UCF. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985 and serves on the United Arts Board of Directors. Walsh received his Bachelor's degree in 1977 and his Master's degree in 1987 from the University of Central Florida.

Tom Yochum, of Winter Park, is the president, chairman and CEO of SunTrust Bank, Central Florida. He is a member of the UCF Foundation, served as its chairman and is now a trustee emeritus. He also serves on the Florida Center for the Arts and Education, a UCF arts project to raise \$250 million for the theatre complex. In addition, Yochum serves as volunteer chair of the Valencia Community College Foundation. He also co-chaired a campaign to raise \$2 million to build the first President's house at UCF. Yochum received his Bachelor's degree from Rollins College in 1974.

University of North Florida

Coggin, Luther
Douglas, Thomas O'Neal
Hicks, Ann
Halverson, Steven
Twomey, Kevin

Luther W. Coggin, of Jacksonville, is currently the Chairman & CEO of the Coggin Automotive Group, a position he has held since 1967. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the College of Business at the University of North Florida, vice chairman of the Board of the National Benevolent Association, chairman of the Pontiac National Dealers Association and past member of the General Motors President's Advisory Council. He previously served on the board of the First Union Bank.

Thomas O'Neal Douglas of Ponte Vedra Beach, retired as chairman and CEO of the American Heritage Life Insurance Company last October. During his tenure as chairman, he established a close partnership between UNF and American Heritage to recognize and promote the academic achievements of public school students. He is also a former board member of the Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. Mr. Douglas received an honorary Doctorate from Charleston Southern University.

Steve T. Halverson, of Jacksonville, is the president and CEO of the Haskell Company, a design and construction firm. He currently serves on Florida's Department of Education Task Force on Alternative Teaching Certification and as a Partnership to Advance School Success (PASS) mentor to North Shore Elementary School in Jacksonville. He also serves as vice chairman for Regis University in Denver and previously served on the Advisory Board for the University of Colorado's School of Engineering and Purdue University's Construction Engineering Program. Mr. Halverson received his Bachelor's degree from St. John's University in 1976 and his law degree from American University in 1979.

Ann C. Hicks, of Jacksonville, is president of the UNF Foundation Board. In 1998 she was awarded the UNF College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award. Ms. Hicks is also the president of the Jacksonville Junior League and the Jacksonville Art Museum Board of Directors. She received a Bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in 1959 and a Bachelor's from UNF in 1995.

Kevin M. Twomey of Ponte Vedra Beach, is the current president, COO and CFO of the St. Joe Company. Since November of 1999, he has been a PASS executive mentor to West Riverside Elementary School. In that capacity, he has worked directly with the school's principal and teachers to improve the students' academic achievements. Mr. Twomey received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1969, his Master's degree from George Washington University in 1974, and his MBA from Duke University in 1976.

University of South Florida

Arnold, Lee
Burton, Steve
Duncan, Ann
Law, Rhea
Soran, Robert

Lee E. Arnold, Jr. is the CEO and founder of Arnold Companies, Colliers Arnold. He is a member of the USF Foundation, current chair of the Finance/Investment Committee of USF, the President's Council, the College of Business Dean's Circle, a USF athletic booster and has served on numerous USF task forces. He is also a member of the Florida Council of 100. Arnold is the 2000-2001 chairman of the Tampa Bay Partnership, a seven county CEO driven economic development organization. He is the recipient of the 2001 USF President's Distinguished Citizens Award and the 2001 Donald A. Gifford Alumni Service Award. Arnold received his bachelor's degree from USF in 1969. Mr. Arnold is a resident of Clearwater.

Steven G. Burton is managing partner of the Tampa Office of Broad and Cassel Attorneys at Law. He also serves as chairman of the firm's Internet Litigation Practice Group and is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Burton has received several honors for his legal work including an AV rating with Martindale Hubbell publication, a rating received by five percent of attorneys. An active member of numerous civic and business organizations, Mr. Burton is a supporter of USF's President Council, Leadership USF, and USF's College of Business Administration. A graduate of USF, Burton received his bachelor's degree in 1984 and law degree from Stetson College of Law in 1988. Mr. Burton is a resident of Tampa.

Ann Wilkins Duncan is the senior vice president of CLW Real Estate Services Development. She served on the 1994 and 2000 USF Presidential Selection Committees as well as the College of Business Advisory Board, the University's Council of 100 and the Bayboro Campus Advisory Board. Duncan currently serves on the USF Foundation Board and its Community Relations and Audit Committees. She has also helped form partnerships for USF between municipalities, community colleges, and civic organizations. Additionally, she serves as a mentor for Pinellas County Schools. Duncan received her bachelor's degree from USF in 1987. Ms. Duncan is a resident of Tarpon Springs.

Rhea F. Law is president of the firm of Fowler, White, Boggs & Banker, P.A. She is a member of the board of directors of the University of Tampa College of Business Advisory Board, a member of the board of directors of the University Research Foundation for USF, and a member of the board of directors for the Institute of Environmental Studies at USF. In addition, Law is a founding member and currently serves on the board of directors of the USF Law Alumni Society. She received her bachelor's degree from USF in 1977 and her law degree from the Stetson College of Law in 1979. Ms. Law is a resident of Tampa.

Robert L. Soran is currently president and CEO of Uniroyal Technology Corp. A member of the Board of Advisors of the USF College of Engineering, whose focus is to enhance the research and classroom instruction functions of the college to complement those of USF's various colleges. In addition, Soran manages the operation of Uniroyal Optoelectronics which actively supports Tech 4's "Chip Camp" program. The Chip Camp program introduces teachers and counselors to high-tech employment opportunities for students. He is a member of the Florida Council of 100, the Florida High-Tech Corridor and the Technological Research and Development Authority. Soran received his bachelor's degree from California Polytechnical Institute in 1965. Mr. Soran is a resident of Sarasota.

University of West Florida

Bowden, Travis

Clark, Kenneth

Horner, Charles

Phillips, Eddie

Smith, Roy

Travis Bowden of Pensacola, was the president and CEO of Gulf Power Company before his retirement June 2002. He is a current member of the board of visitors for Culverhouse College of Commerce & Business Administration at the University of Alabama. Previously, he was a member of the Business Advisory Committee at UWF and was a member of the President's Cabinet at the University of Alabama. His company is a Partner in Education with Allie Yniera Elementary School, and Bowden sponsors an essay contest there each year. Gulf Power's Foundation provides funding for scholarships for every institute of higher learning in their service territory and has also supported "Cram the Van" a program that provides school supplies for underprivileged children in Escambia County. Bowden has also served as a member of the Task Force to Close the Gap in Education, Florida Council of 100 and is an associate member of the Gulf Coast Council Boy Scouts of Americas. He received his Bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama in 1960.

Kenneth Clark of St. Petersburg Beach, is the executive vice-president and COO of Heritage Asset Management, Inc. He is the past president of the UWF National Alumni Association, for which he also served on the board of directors for nine years. He is currently a trustee for the UWF Foundation and serves as a member of the College of Business Advisory Council. Clark and his wife created a scholarship endowment for financially needy students and provide support to various UWF programs including forensics, arts, music and sports. He was named 2000 Volunteer of the Year by the City of St. Petersburg Beach. Clark received his Bachelor's degree in accounting from UWF in 1985 and his Master's degree in accounting information systems from UWF in 1986.

General Charles Horner, of Shalimar, is retired from the United States Air Force as well as a business consultant and author. During his career with the U.S. Air Force, he was a commander of Two Wings, Two Air Divisions, The Air Defense Weapons Center at Tyndall AFB, 9th Air Force, and the U.S. Space Command. Gen. Horner currently lectures at military and national professional education institutions across the country, including the National Defense University, West Point, and the Air Force Academy. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1958 and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary in 1972, as well as graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College.

Eddie E. Phillips is the president of Phillips Consulting, Technical Management and Marketing. He is a member of the UWF's Advisory Board and the Okaloosa-Walton Community College Foundation Board. He has served as a member on the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Board and is the past chairman of the Institute for Senior Professionals at Okaloosa-Walton Community College. Mr. Phillips has also established an ongoing scholarship for needy students at Okaloosa-Walton Community College. He was named Small Business Advocate of the Year in Florida by the Small Business Association. Mr. Phillips received his Bachelor's degree from Golden State University in 1984. He lives in Shalimar.

Roy W. Smith, Jr., of Pensacola, is a retired instructor and administrator for the UWF College of Business from 1987 to 1995. Prior to that, he served as senior executive of the international Asian affiliate of the Exxon Corp. During his association with UWF, he assisted in efforts of the College to prepare for the initial national accreditation process and established a student support center for academic and career advising of business students. Mr. Smith received his Bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University in 1951 and his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1956.