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The Board of Trustees appoints and directs the president who, in turn, manages the University. It provides policy leadership and oversight in critical areas as well as oversees the financial performance of the University. Its members are long-range planners who help define the philosophy of the University. They offer their knowledge and experience as well as financial support to help ensure the success of the University in its mission and commitment to Christian higher education.

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MIKE BENNETT ‘65, Ed.D.
Retired Educator

Board Member: 2018 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Rotary Club of Lubbock: Paul Harris Fellow, Past Board member
Lubbock First United Methodist Church
Volunteer for Lubbock United Way, Goodwill Industries, Boy Scouts of America,
and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Bennett graduated from Abilene High School in 1961 and from McMurry
University in 1965, majoring in English and Speech Communication.

After McMurry, he earned his master’s degree in Education and English from Abilene Christian University,
followed by his doctoral degree from Texas Tech University with emphasis on Curriculum and Instruction, and
a minor in English.

Bennett dedicated 52 years to educating students in a variety of capacities. He began his career at Wylie
Independent School District 1965 as a middle school English teacher, coach, bus driver and high school
one-act play coach. From 1968-2005, he served in Lubbock Independent School District (LISD); including
positions as Mackenzie Junior High assistant principal and principal, LISD Director of School Public Relations,
and principal of Monterey High School. In 2005, Bennett became Headmaster of All Saints Episcopal School
in Lubbock. He retired from that position in 2017. He also taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Texas
Tech and Wayland Baptist University. Currently, Bennett is employed as a day-work cowboy on the Afton
Camp Ranch.

Dr. Bennett was honored to serve as president of the Texas School Public Relations Association. He
received the Honorary Lone Star Degree from Texas Future Farmers of America. He also received honors as
distinguished supervisor/administrator at the state level. The Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary Club recognized
Bennett with the W. H. Tinney Ethics Award. Upon retirement as headmaster at All Saints Episcopal School,
Bennett was honored with the naming of the All Saints High School “Dr. Mike Bennett Academic Center.”

Bennett is married to Sharon Wells Bennett ’67. They have three children: Jeff, Mark (deceased), and
Whitney; and six grandchildren. Sharon is retired from Texas Tech as assistant vice chancellor for institutional
advancement. Seven members of the extended Bennett family hold degrees from McMurry. Sharon’s father,
Gaston Wells from Dumas, Texas, served on the Board at McMurry. Bennett’s father, Dr. Gordon Bennett, was
the seventh president of McMurry.
DAVID BAILEY ’04, B.B.A.
President, First Financial Bank - Eastland

Board Member: 2019 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Eastland Chamber of Commerce – Vice President
Eastland Community Foundation
Lions Club of Eastland – Former Vice President/Secretary
First United Methodist Church – Volunteer Music Director
Eastland County Crisis Center – Former Board President
Eastland County Child Welfare Board – Former Board Vice President

Mr. Bailey lives in Eastland, Texas, and is the president of the Eastland Region of First Financial Bank. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Finance from McMurry University in 2004 and later graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in 2014.

Bailey began his career with First Financial Bank in Abilene as a part-time teller while attending college. Over his 16-year career with the bank, he held positions in multiple regions throughout the company before moving to Eastland 11 years ago. In addition to his role as regional president, he is also the co-chairman of the company-wide Service Improvement Team, which focuses on improving the overall customer experience and service quality for the entire First Financial organization.

In addition to his career, Bailey has been an active member of the Eastland community, having served on numerous boards in various leadership positions. His true passion, however, is in church music ministry — which is evidenced by his service to the First United Methodist Church of Eastland where he has volunteered as the Music Ministry Director for the past 10 years.

Bailey and his wife Ashley met at McMurry. They both grew up in small Texas communities and were raised in the United Methodist Church. They have one son, Hudson Bailey.

DID YOU KNOW?

The McMurry University band and choir performed at New York’s Carnegie Hall on March 15, 2018. The two groups, during the four-day residency tour, shared the stage for a concert performance in Carnegie’s main performance venue, the Isaac Stern Auditorium.
BISHOP W. EARL BLEDSOE, D.MIN.
Bishop, United Methodist Church, Northwest Texas/New Mexico Episcopal Area

Board Member: 2013 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Southwestern University Board
TMF Board

Bishop Bledsoe is the resident bishop of the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. Following his election to the episcopacy in July 2008, he served four years in the Dallas area. He received a Bachelor of Arts from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) in 1982; Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology in 1985; and Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in 1991.

Prior appointments include: Superintendent of the Bryan/West District, College Station, Texas and Conference Director of Teaching Ministries, Texas Annual Conference. Pastoral appointments include: Senior pastor of Spring Woods UMC, Houston; Senior pastor of Cypress UMC, Cypress, Texas; Senior associate pastor of Bear Creek UMC, Houston; Senior pastor of Hanham Methodist Church, Bristol, England; assistant pastor of St. Andrews UMC, Ft. Worth; part-time local pastor of Wyatt Memorial UMC, Amarillo; and part-time local pastor of Anahuac Circuit, Anahuac, Texas.

Bishop Bledsoe currently serves as president of General Commission on Religion and Race and as General Commission on Religion and Race representative on the Connectional Table. He previously served on the General Board of Church and Society from 2008 to 2016 and as chair of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC21) from 2008 to 2016. He was a jurisdictional member of the Connectional Table, 2004-2008; Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee representative, 2004; and General Conference delegate, 1992-2008. He also serves on the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.

Bishop Bledsoe is married to Leslie Jean (Bray) and they have six adult children.
RICHARD N. COUNTISS ’58, J.D.
Retired Attorney

Trusteeship Committee Chair

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
District Attorney (84th District) 1974
Criminal District Attorney (San Jacinto Count) 2018
District Judge (84th District) 1972
Court of Appeals Justice (7th District) 1980
Senior Judge (Statewide Jurisdiction)

Mr. Countiss is a returning, seasoned trustee. Born in Midland, Texas, in 1936, he first saw the McMurry Campus in 1948 and knew then that McMurry University would be the college he attended. He graduated in 1958 with a business degree and many campus honors; among them freshman class vice president, sophomore class president, and head cheerleader. He attended Southern Methodist University Law School and graduated with honors in 1961. After military service, he spent three years with the U.S. Justice Department and returned to Spearmen, Texas, to enter private practice. For the next 50 years, Countiss did almost everything a licensed lawyer could do. He was elected District Attorney in 1972, and the positions listed above soon followed.

In 1990, Countiss retired from the judiciary and returned to the private practice of law: first in Dallas, then in Houston. He returned to public service in 2007 at the request of the Democratic Council and was elected Criminal District Attorney of San Jacinto County. Finally, in 2015, he was certified as a senior judge and has accepted trial assignments around the state. He is looking forward to a return to campus and the opportunity to serve his alma mater once again. He has also served his church and community in many areas. He has held virtually every lay position available in his local churches. He was Rotary president and served on committees of many stripes.

Countiss married his campus sweetheart, Karen Hopkins. They have three children: Jeff (deceased), a retired law enforcement officer; Mike, a Round Rock businessman; and Julie, an attorney who was recently elected as a Justice of the First Court of Appeals in Houston. A committed father and grandfather, he attended and cheered his children on in an unknown number of sports, dramas, musical events, and other activities — and is now repeating that service with his six grandchildren.
KATHI EDWARDS, M.A.
Chaplain, Hendrick Hospice Care

Secretary
Board Member: 2017 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Clyde Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board
Texas A&M Rural Entrepreneurship Program – Sustaining Benefactor
Clyde Economic Development Corporation
Abilene Aggie Moms Club
North Runnels Hospital Board
The Haven Center for Women and Children
Hendrick Hospice Care

Chaplain Edwards is a deaconess in the United Methodist Church and a Board Certified Chaplain who currently works for Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene. Prior to becoming a staff chaplain, Edwards served as a volunteer with that agency for more than 15 years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Texas Tech University and her Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.

Edwards and her husband, Murray, are McMurry University graduates — as are both of their fathers. In 2006, the Edwards and her husband Murray established three endowed scholarships at McMurry honoring Murray’s aunt, LaVerne Edwards Howard ‘40; Murray’s father, Weldon Edwards ‘40; and Kathi’s father, C. Lee Smith ‘78.

Edwards live in Callahan County where she and Murray were raised, and are members of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde. They have three adult children — a daughter and two sons; as well as five grandsons and one granddaughter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Former McMurry Student Government president and basketball four year letter winner Thierry Tchenko ’17 was accepted into Georgetown University’s prestigious Master’s program in American Government. He is currently a community relations specialist and public information officer for the Mayor of Washington, D.C.
REV. RICHARD W. EDWARDS, M.Th.
Area Representative, TMF
(formerly Texas Methodist Foundation)

Board Member: 2013 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Perkins School of Theology Executive Board

Reverend Edwards was born in Plainview in 1951, raised in Tulia where he was a member of First UMC, and graduated from Tulia High School in 1969. After receiving a bachelor degree in Music Education from Texas Tech University in 1973, he attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University graduating with a Master of Theology in 1978. Before retiring in 2016, after 41 years in the Northwest Texas Conference, Edwards served churches in Booker, Olton, Muleshoe, Dumas and St. Luke’s in Midland. He served the last eight years as the Lubbock District Superintendent.

Edwards has served on numerous conference committees/boards and held responsibilities; including the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (four years as chairperson), the Board of Ordained Ministry (as chairperson of the continuing education committee and treasurer), the Conference Committee on Insurance, the Conference Board of Higher Education (two years as chairperson), and the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. In addition, he has served as chairperson for the Conference Committee on Worship, served on the Conference Ministry Team, the Bishop’s Dream Team, the Conference Committee on Nominations, the Bold New Directions Incubator, and numerous district offices — and as alternate delegate to General Conference and a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

Edwards is married to Jo Beth and they currently reside in Fort Worth. They are parents of three children: Chris ’99, an orthodontist in Ft. Worth, his wife, Alison and children Turner and Lena; Kevin, a computer software developer in Ft. Worth, his wife, Sally and sons Derrick and Nolan; and Kimberly ’09, a teacher in Comal Independent School District, her husband, Josh Poorman ’09 and son, Carter.

DID YOU KNOW?

McMurry students, faculty, staff and alumni contribute more than 24,000 hours annually to community engagement and support.
ELAINE HARMON ’95, M.S.
Sr. Program Manager, L-3 Communications

Board Member: 2019 to present

Ms. Harmon is a senior program manager who leads the L3Harris Aviation Systems Military Training and Simulation Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPA) product line. Her team develops solutions to improve the level of training Air Force RPA pilots and sensor operators receive —via simulators located across the United States. The increased level of training allows the students to gain experience recovering from malfunctions and other critical maneuvers. to increase the success rate of the mission and save lives.

Harmon is a recognized leader who grows teams with increasing levels of performance. She has more than 20 years of experience in the defense industry. She began her career as a software engineer working for Boeing prior to joining L3Harris. While at L3Harris, Harmon has managed multiple engineering teams that develop and integrate large-scale visual and gaming systems with aircraft-specific cockpits and avionics. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from McMurry University in 1995. She went on to attend Southern Methodist University receiving a M.S. in Software Engineering.

The amazing experience Harmon had at McMurry as a student led to her supporting McMurry’s Science and Math Advisory Board (SMAB) for 22 years — as a member and president, and now member of the Board of Trustees. She also met her husband, Brent ’96, at McMurry. They live in the DFW metroplex and enjoy playing golf and their rescue pets.
SANDRA S. HARPER, PH.D.
President, McMurry University

Board Member: 2013 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas – Chair
United Methodist University Senate
Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. Board
Abilene Chamber of Commerce Board
Abilene Industrial Foundation Board
Grace Museum Board
National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church Board
Serenity Foundation of Texas Board
Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation, Board of Directors, Vice President
ThriveABI Steering Committee

Dr. Harper, a native of Dallas, Texas, began serving as the president of McMurry University on October 1, 2013. Prior to her McMurry appointment, Harper served as the president of Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from 2006 to 2013 and as the provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of communication at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi from 1998 to 2006. Harper’s other administrative posts included serving as the vice president for academic affairs at Oklahoma City University and as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at McMurry University. Harper served as a faculty member in the communication and theatre department at McMurry University from 1985 to 1995.

Harper received her Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech University and her Master of Science and doctorate from the University of North Texas. Harper also completed the Harvard Management Development Program and the Governor’s Executive Development Program at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas.

In 2011, Harper was named a Distinguished Alumna by the Texas Tech University College of Education. She is listed in Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who of American Women, and Who’s Who in American Education. Harper has received the Management Excellence Award from the Society for the Advancement of Management, the Y Women in Careers Award from the Corpus Christi YWCA, the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Outstanding Administrator Award from McMurry University, the American Association of University Women Abilene Branch Women of Outstanding Achievement, and the Women of Power and Purpose Award from the Regional Victim Crisis Center.

Dr. Harper is married to Dave Harper, who coached at Abilene High School for nine years and other high schools in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. The couple has two sons, who spent most of their childhood in Abilene. Justin Harper, a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, and his wife and four children are stationed at Ft. Irwin, California. Jonathan Harper works for the City of Commerce, Texas, where he lives with his wife and son.
JOHN T. HENDRICK ’73, B.B.A.
Certified Public Accountant

Board Member: 2013 to present

Mr. Hendrick has served since April 2016 as chief financial officer of Delta Energy & Communications, Inc. in Murrieta, California. From July 2001 until he joined Delta Energy, Hendrick was primarily engaged in monitoring his private equity investments. From July 1996 to December 1999 he was vice chairman and chief financial officer of The Cassidy Companies, Inc., one of the largest government affairs and public affairs firms in Washington, DC. He was also a managing director of Galway Partners, LLC, a Washington, DC-based merchant bank from July 1996 to June 2001. Prior to joining Cassidy and Galway, Hendrick was a general partner with Avalon Ventures, a San Diego-based venture capital firm from 1987 to 1996.

In addition, Hendrick co-founded and served on the investment committee of Innova Capital (formerly Poland Partners), a Warsaw-based private equity fund, from April 1994 to May 2012. Hendrick is a CPA and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting with honors from McMurry University in 1973.
CARL HUBBARD ’68, PH.D.
Retired Professor of Finance; Forensic Economist

Board Member: 2002 to present

Dr. Hubbard graduated from Abilene Cooper High School. He then enrolled at McMurry University graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. After a 20-month sojourn in the Army, Hubbard continued his education by completing an Master of Business Administration at Hardin-Simmons University and doctorate in Economics from Texas Tech University. In 1975, he began a 37-year career on the faculty of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where he taught mostly undergraduate courses in business financial management and investment analysis.

In 1979 Dr. Hubbard became a chartered financial analyst. Hubbard has authored and coauthored 40 journal articles plus conference proceedings and case studies on subjects in economics and finance. Since 1976, he has served as an economic consultant and expert witness.

SANDRA MADDOX, PH.D.
Retired Educator

Chair, Trusteeship Committee
Board Member: 2015 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
First Methodist Church, Richardson – Board Chair and Chair of Childcare Committee
University of North Texas - PK through College Education Committee
Grant writer for non-profits

Dr. Maddox received both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science from Baylor University and her doctorate from the University of North Texas. She retired in 2014 after more than 35 years in K-12 Education. Dr. Maddox was appointed in 2005 as deputy executive director of the Region 10 Education Service Center, where she had oversight of five major divisions, 435 personnel, and a total budget of over six million dollars annually. Prior to her Region 10 experience, Maddox worked in public education in Waco and other districts. While at Region 10 Education Service Center, Dr. Maddox had extensive state-wide educational responsibilities in state educational projects such as homeless education and dyslexia, including the development of the State Handbook for Dyslexia Education and its accompanying app in 2014.

Dr. Maddox is currently the small business owner of People in Touch, a company specializing in increasing independent opportunities for senior adults to engage in life by going out and re-connecting. She is the mother of five children, two of whom received degrees from McMurry University.
DAVID W. OSBORN ’83, B.B.A.
President and COO, WestStar Bank

Treasurer
Board Member: 2018 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Texas Bankers Association Foundation Board
Las Palmas Del Sol Healthcare Board
The Borderplex Alliance Board
Kids Excel El Paso - Board Chair
The Border Industrial Association
The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce - Past Chair
Paso del Norte Health Foundation - Past Chair
El Paso County Hospital District - Past Vice Chair
Texas Bankers Association - Past Board Member

Mr. Osborn currently serves as president and chief operating officer of WestStar Bank. WestStar Bank is a $1.8 billion financial institution serving the Borderplex region (El Paso, TX; Las Cruces, NM; and Northern Mexico).

Prior to joining WestStar Bank in 2000, Osborn worked for JP Morgan Chase for 10 years, where he served in a number of roles including executive vice president of Private Banking and Commercial Lending. He began his banking career in 1983 at State National Bank in El Paso, Texas, as a credit analyst, rising to vice president of Real Estate Lending, before joining JP Morgan Chase in 1990.

Osborn was born in Midland and graduated from McMurry University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Marketing. In 1992, he graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, where he received the Recognition of Leadership honor.

Osborn is married to Cindy Osborn ’86 and they live in El Paso, Texas. They have three adult daughters: Courtney, Catherine and Lindsay and two grandsons.
Mr. Pertile is a 1983 graduate of McMurry University. He obtained his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. He has represented governmental entities and public officials exclusively for more than 33 years. He began his legal career as an assistant city attorney with the Waco City Attorney’s Office. He also served as an assistant district attorney with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office in Houston, Texas, as well as working as an assistant city attorney with the City of Houston. Pertile was appointed city attorney for the City of Waco in February 1996. In November 2007, he joined Olson & Olson in Houston. Mr. Pertile is an equity partner with Olson & Olson and continues to represent cities, counties, special districts, and public officials across the state of Texas. He currently serves as city attorney for the cities of Stafford, Katy, Hempstead, Simonton, Eagle Lake, Needville, Wallis and Todd Mission, all in Texas, and as corporate counsel for several special districts, including the Galveston Industrial Development Corporation.

Pertile is the 2018 McMurry University Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, a 2003 McMurry Hall of Honor inductee, and has served on the McMurry Alumni Board. He is a past president of the Texas City Attorneys Association and has served on the Board of the Texas Municipal League. Pertile is also a past President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and serves as a board member of the Waco Tigers charitable organization. He was appointed by the Texas Governor and served for 10 years as a Commissioner on the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Pertile has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Government Lawyers Section of the Texas State Bar, Waco Foundation, McLennan County Bar Association, Waco Parents for Public Schools, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and the YMCA of Central Texas.

Pertile is a recipient of the Frank Fallon “Sportsman of the Year Award,” presented by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation’s “Contributors Award” for his work with the youth of Waco. He has coached youth basketball for more than 40 years and is a National Youth Sport Coaches Association certified youth basketball coach.

Pertile is married to Renita D. King. They have a son, Arthur L. Pertile, IV, and a daughter, Krissica L. Harper. He attends Current Christian Church of Katy, Texas.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Top 5 Majors for Freshmen in 2019: Science, Business, Exercise Science, Education, Nursing
AUSTIN PITTMAN ’91, M.H.C.D.S.  
Health Care Executive

Past Chair  
Board Member: 2008 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:  
National 4-H Board

Mr. Pittman serves as UnitedHealth Group executive vice president, Enterprise Healthcare Value at UnitedHealth Group, and CEO of OptumCare.

Through his focus on Enterprise Healthcare Value, Pittman develops solutions to deliver superior care and drive value for customers and consumers across all UnitedHealth Group businesses. As the chief executive officer of OptumCare, Pittman provides strategic leadership to the local care delivery organizations, ambulatory surgical care centers, and urgent care centers that comprise OptumCare across the United States.

Pittman possesses a deep understanding of providers, delivery systems and local market dynamics. He has worked in the healthcare industry for more than 20 years, having begun his career in various roles for both a community-based behavioral health facility and Baylor Health Care System. Pittman earned a Master of Health Care Delivery Science from Dartmouth College, a Master of Science in Business/Human Relations from Amberton University in Dallas, Texas, and a Bachelor of Science from McMurry University in 1991. Pittman also served in the United States Marine Corps.

DID YOU KNOW?

McMurry University was ranked in the top 10 in Texas in 2018 and 2019 for Best Colleges for a Job in Texas by Zippia. The rating rates employment levels of students at year 10 after graduation.
REV. GEORGE C. PRICE, JR. ’74, M.Div.
Abilene District Superintendent, Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

Board Member: 2016 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Ceta Canyon Board
Camp Butman Board
Methodist Service Center Food Pantry, Abilene
Abilene Area Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church

Reverend Price is currently appointed as the Abilene District Superintendent for the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Before that he served several churches in the conference, including: Quitaque-Flomot, Claude, Spur-Dickens, Canadian, Slaton, Littlefield, Gruver and Childress.

Reverend Price was born and raised in Levelland, Texas, where he graduated from Levelland High School in 1969. After graduating from McMurry University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1974, he attended Asbury Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity degree in 1978. He then returned to the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Reverend Price has served on boards and committees within the conference, including the Conference Finance and Administration Committee, the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and the Conference Leadership Team.

Reverend Price is married to Karen Kelley Price, who graduated from McMurry in 1971 and is a retired elementary school teacher. They were married in 1971 and have three sons: Jeremy, who, with his wife, Jennifer, heads a humanitarian relief organization in White River, South Africa; Zachary, who with his wife, Anneke, is an agricultural trainer and educator with an organization in Chiang Mai, Thailand; and Caleb, who is an event production manager in New Haven, Connecticut.
RICHARD QUY ’70, PH.D.
University Administrator and Professor

Chair, Institutional Oversight Committee
Board Member: 2015 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Texas Wesley Foundation Board
Lake Travis UMC Church Council – Chair
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Reserve (retired)

Dr. Quy is a native of Abilene where he was a member of First United Methodist Church and a graduate of Cooper High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from McMurry University in 1972; Master of Arts and doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Rice University; and Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University.

Following graduate school in 1979, Quy joined the Research and Development Department of CONOCO Chemicals (later CONDEA Vista Company) where he served in various research and corporate management positions in the company’s polymer, surfactant, and industrial chemical businesses.

Leaving the industry in 2000, Quy served 11 years as Director and Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Texas at Austin. After retiring he taught for seven years as an adjunct professor of Chemistry at St. Edward’s University in Austin.

Quy married McMurry alumna Cindy Pickett ’70; they have two children and four grandchildren.
JACK REED, B.B.A.
Retired Business Executive

First Vice Chair
Board Member: 2017 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Vice Chairperson and Treasurer of Midland Shared Spaces
Trustee for Big Spring District Board of Trustees UMC
Trustee of Butman Camp and Retreat Center for 18 years, Retired

Mr. Reed retired from his 12-year role as chief financial officer of Reliance Energy, Inc. and currently enjoys his family ranch management and investments in oil and gas properties. Reed also served as treasurer and vice president of Human Resources at Tom Brown, Inc. for 10 years; chief financial officer of TMBR/Sharp Drilling for 10 years; chief financial officer of a downhole submersible pump company; chief financial officer of a medical practice management software development company; chief financial officer of a medical waste processing equipment manufacture and service company; and as consultant to the contract drilling and electric utility industries.

Reed's wife, Jan is a retired minister of the United Methodist Church and a certified Christian educator, and currently serves as the pastor of Care Ministries at St. Luke's UMC. In addition to their church involvement, the Reeds are active in their community. They are the parents of Dr. Peter Reed who is a former trustee and McMurry graduate and daughter-in-law Tricia Treat Ree, a McMurry graduate; Adam Reed who is a CPA and graduate of Texas Christian University; Tim Reed, a graduate of University of Texas at Arlington; and Amy Reed Hughes, a graduate of Texas Tech University and son-in-law Greg Hughes, also a graduate of Texas Tech — and have six grandchildren.

Reed ’72 and his wife ’71 are both alumni of Texas Tech University.

JASON RODRIGUEZ ’00, M.B.A.
Founder of Zpryme

Board Member: 2017 to present

Mr. Rodriguez is the chief executive officer and co-founder of Zpryme, a research, media, and events company for the energy industry. He leads the strategy and the direction of the company’s market research, events, and advisory work in the clean-tech and energy industry. Rodriguez has helped energy companies enter and succeed in complex and intensely competitive global marketplace. Zpryme's research has been cited in publications such as The New York Times and Fast Company, as well as dozens of trade magazines. Zpryme produces the Energy Thought Summit (ETS), one of the premier energy events in the nation that focuses on solving complex energy problems to build a more sustainable future.

Rodriguez received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from McMurry University in 2000, and his Master of Business Administration from Texas State University. He also completed graduate coursework in economics at the University of South Florida.
DAVID M. SHOUP ’91, B.B.A.
CEO of Constructors, Inc., and Roswell Ready Mix
General Partner of TDM Leasing

2nd Vice Chair and Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair
Board Member: 2012 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Carlsbad Municipal School Board
Carlsbad Department of Development Board
Epworth United Methodist Church Trustee
Carlsbad Rotary Club

Mr. Shoup earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from McMurry University. He is chief executive officer of Constructors, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and is the principal stockholder of the general partner of TDM Leasing, LTD.

Shoup grew up in the construction business, watching as his grandfather and father built Constructors, Inc. from a concrete ditch-lining company in 1958 to a major construction company in southeast New Mexico. He has been with Constructors for 26 years. Under his leadership, Constructors has grown from a small family business into a regional leader in the construction and material supply industry in the southwest, with operations throughout New Mexico and Texas. Shoup has also served as business unit manager for Lafarge Corporation, a multi-national materials company. He has extensive experience at all levels of the construction industry.

Shoup and his wife Christy have three adult children, Kayley, Sydney and Gage.

DID YOU KNOW?
Top 5 Majors for Freshmen in 2019: Science, Business, Exercise Science, Education, Nursing
STEVE SUNDBY ‘75, M.P.A.
Retired Director of Real Estate

Board of Trustees Chair
Board Member: 2015 to present

Mr. Sundby is a retired AT&T executive, having started his career in 1979 as a management trainee. He held numerous positions in network planning and corporate real estate — where he ultimately managed a portfolio of plant and equipment assets valued in excess of $5 billion. Sundby was also instrumental in creating a real estate brokerage and development subsidiary for SBC Communications, in which he managed diverse assets such as golf courses, hotels and office buildings. In his tenure, he oversaw projects and personnel in 18 states and four foreign countries.

Sundby holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from McMurry University graduating in 1976, a Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University, and has completed additional postgraduate work in engineering economics at Iowa State University. Sundby has been a Texas Real Estate broker for more than 35 years and holds the CCIM board certification.

In addition to his career with AT&T, Sundby has been actively involved in many civic and religious organizations in San Antonio and throughout Texas. He is a member of the McMurry University Board of Trustees and currently serves as chairman of the board. He has been a board member and/or chair of the Central Texas CoreNet Chapter and the San Antonio Downtown Alliance. Sundby and his wife of 43 years, Bonnie, live on a ranch in the Texas Hill Country where he enjoys working outdoors. They have two grown sons and a dog named Bailey.
KIMBERLY TATE ’07, M.ED.
Associate Registrar for Operations, University of Texas Arlington

Board Member: 2019 to present

Ms. Tate, an experienced higher education professional, has worn many hats and overseen multiple departments at both large and small institutions. With customer service and student experience as her core skill and passion, she has led initiatives aimed at better serving the 21st century population of students and has built more effective and efficient enrollment management teams. Tate currently serves as the Associate Registrar for Operations at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). Prior to her position at UTA, she served as the District Assistant Director for Records and Reports for Tarrant County College District and as the Registrar and Director of Admissions at Clovis Community College in Clovis, New Mexico.

Tate began her career in higher education by serving as an Admissions Coordinator, Director of Admissions, and Director of Athletic Admissions at McMurry University from 2008 to 2015. Tate is originally from San Antonio, Texas, and is a 2007 graduate of McMurry University, where she played volleyball and was an active member of T.I.P., MSG, CAB, and Servant Leadership. She earned her master’s degree in Student Development & Higher Education Administration from Angelo State University, where she also serves as an adjunct instructor in the same program. Ms. Tate has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors (AABOD) since 2015 and stepped into the AABOD President role in June 2019.

Tate and her husband Paul, who is a 2007 graduate of McMurry, enjoy spending time with their dogs and traveling.

KRISTY WALDRAFF ’83, B.B.A.
Banking Executive

Board Member: 2017 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
McMurry Business Advisory Board
Women’s Leadership Lunch Committee

Ms. Waldraff has worked in banking most of her career. She was formerly a regional business manager for JPMorgan Chase and recently moved to a role in national strategy and execution, developing strategies for business clients. She graduated from McMurry University in 1983 with a Bachelor Of Business Administration.

Waldraff became involved with McMurry as a volunteer and donor in 2016 while serving on the Women’s Leadership Lunch committee. She is married to Rick Waldraff, who is a 1982 graduate of McMurry University, and is the president and chief executive officer of Goodwill-West Texas.
M. LYNN VARNER YEARWOOD ’70, M.A.
Retired Health Insurance Executive

Immediate Past Chair
Board Member: 2011 to 2019

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Ready Readers, St. Louis, MO – Board President
Volunteer of the Year and Partner of Social Venture Partners, St. Louis, MO
St. Louis College Preparatory Academy, St. Louis, MO
St. Louis Charter School Board
Alzheimer’s Association Volunteer
Junior League Volunteer of the Year, Alton, IL
United Way Allocation Committee, St. Louis, MO
United Way BoardLink St. Louis, MO - Trainer
College Bound, St. Louis, MO - Lead Volunteer
Repertory Theatre Volunteer Board, St. Louis, MO
Washington University Women’s Society Board

Ms. Yearwood began her professional career as a high school teacher at East Alton-Wood River Community High School in Wood River, Illinois. She taught a variety of English, speech and theatre classes for 13 years. During that time, she also served as English Department chair and later as humanities division chair.

Yearwood transitioned out of education in 1986 and led both single- and multi-site organizations for more than 16 years in health insurance management. While her career began in training and development, she migrated to organizational planning and development shortly after joining General American Life Insurance Company (later Great West). She later transitioned to operations management and served in increasingly senior roles including vice president of operations. She went on to serve as chief operations officer and vice president of technology at HealthLink, a subsidiary of Anthem. She held management and budget responsibility for multiple office locations across the country, including over 1,000 employees and $70 million budgets. Functional accountabilities included: provider database; health, dental, and FSA claims and customer service; compliance; information technology; project management; training and development; process improvement and auditing.

Yearwood holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Speech from McMurry University, an Master of Arts in Organizational Communications and certification in Educational Supervision and Leadership from Southern Illinois University. She completed post-graduate studies in University Educational Leadership and Administration at Saint Louis University. She has been married to her husband Darrell for 48 years. They make their home in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. They have one adult son who lives in Portland, Maine.
KAY YOUNGGREN ’02, D.D.S.
Dentist

Board Member: 2017 to present

Civic and Volunteer Activities:
Boy Scouts of America – Local Troop
First United Methodist Church of Artesia Investment Committee
Artesia Downtown Lions Club, Secretary and Board Member
New Mexico Dental Association
Eastern New Mexico Dental Association – Past President

Dr. Younggren is a 2002 graduate of McMurry University. She went on to study and receive her D.D.S. from Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M Health Science Center in 2006. In 2008, she acquired a dental practice and has grown the prosperous practice to include 17 staff members.

Dr. Younggren built a new facility for the dental practice that was featured in the Sidekick Dental Magazine in 2017. She has been an active member of the American Dental Association, including serving on the New Mexico Dental Association Board and serving as the Eastern New Mexico Dental Association president. In 2016, she received and completed her fellowship in implantology with the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. Dr. Younggren was honored in 2011 by McMurry with the Spirit of McMurry Award.

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Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life.
Learning as the journey of life.
Excellence as the goal of life,
and Service as the measure of life.