

Diocesan School Advisory Board 2020-2021

Jeff Caruso (Central Region)

Jeff Caruso is the founding director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, established to advance the mutual public-policy interests of the Commonwealth's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.

Originally from Maryland, Mr. Caruso spent two years practicing law in his native state and then more than six years as one of three associate directors at the Maryland Catholic Conference. In January 2005, he became the first Executive Director of the Conference and opened its office in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Caruso currently serves on the Catholic Charities USA Social Policy Committee and The Catholic Virginian board, and as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.

Mr. Caruso graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1993, with a B.S. in Mathematics and Psychology, and from Notre Dame Law School in 1996.

He and his family reside in Fredericksburg and belong to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Rebecca Chaney (Eastern Region)

Rebecca Chaney works as a corporate attorney with regulatory compliance for financial services; a position she has held for the last 14 plus years. A staunch advocate for Catholic education having received all of her education through Catholic schools, excluding two semesters during college and law school, while studying abroad in London, England. She attended Holy Trinity School, in Poughkeepsie, NY, from Pre-K through graduation (Class of 1992) and high school at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, NY (Class of 1996). Rebecca attended an all-women's Catholic college, Regis College, located in Weston, MA (Class of 2000), then law school at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC (Class of 2003).

A parishioner of Star of the Sea Catholic Church, in Virginia Beach, VA. Rebecca has three children enrolled at the parish school, Star of the Sea Catholic School. Baron is a rising fourth grader, Porter is a rising second grader and Wilder is a rising Junior Kindergartener. Additionally, she serves as a member of the school's School Advisory Board, the school's Athletic Board, served as room parent to multiple classes, a proud coach of the cheerleading squad and assistant coach for the Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

Cinthy Duke (Central Region)

Cinthy Duke is the Admissions Director at St. Edward Epiphany Catholic School. She has been a part of the St. Edward Epiphany community for the past 6.5 years.

Before being in this position, Cinthy served as the front Office Manager and Admissions Coordinator for the school. In her most current role, she fields incoming inquiries for new families interested in attending SEES, showcases the school with individual tours, and manages the application process from beginning to end. She also serves as the SEGURA Advocate for the school to help and assists Hispanic families with the enrollment process.

Cinthy relocated from Florida to Virginia 8.5 years ago with her husband and two children. They are parishioners at St. Bridget Catholic Church where she is a Eucharistic Minister and her son and daughter serve as Altar Servers. The family currently lives in Midlothian, Virginia.

Jenny Franklin (Eastern Region)

After graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.S. in English education, Janine Franklin joined the Peninsula Catholic High School (PCHS) faculty in 1989 as a teacher. Over the years she served as department chairperson of the English department and moderated many classes and clubs. After receiving her Master's degree in English from Old Dominion University, Mrs. Franklin focused on teaching in her favorite area, American literature, and, for many years, taught Advanced Placement Composition and Literature, where her students regularly had a 90+% pass rate. Interested in administration, Mrs. Franklin then pursued an Ed.S. degree from George Washington University and served as Assistant Principal at PCHS from 2001-2007. In 2008 was named Principal, where she still serves as Head of School. She is currently a member of the Quality Assurance Board in conjunction with AdvancEd/Cognia, visiting diocesan schools to determine accreditation status. Her two sons, Kyle and Connor graduated from PCHS in 2013 and 2015, respectively. She has experienced Catholic education as a parent, as a teacher, and as an administrator in her 30-year career and is honored to serve on the Diocesan School Advisory Board.

Ross Grogg (Central Region)

Ross Grogg has over ten years of state government experience in Virginia and at Kemper Consulting represents clients before the Virginia General Assembly, legislative and executive branch agencies, boards and commissions. His practice includes education, healthcare, alcohol, maritime, utilities, and budgetary issues. Ross also helps clients manage their political action committees including all necessary filings with the State Board of Elections, the Federal Election Commission, and the Internal Revenue Service.

Ross started his full-time career in politics serving as Political Director on the successful state senate campaign for Jeff McWaters in 2009. In 2010 he was named to Aristotle's Republican Campaign Dream Team for his work on the McWaters campaign. Ross went on to serve as the Senator's legislative aide and then campaign manager during his reelection in 2011.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts in Government, Ross also graduated from the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia and the CIVIC Leadership Institute. Ross serves as Treasurer of the Virginia Public Access Project. Additionally, he just completed a three year term as a member of the Pastoral Council of St. Bridget Catholic Church. He lives in Richmond, VA with his wife, Nicole, and their daughter, Stella.

Lisa Hamlet (Eastern Region)

Lisa Hamlet earned her BS in Business Administration from Old Dominion University. Since her arrival at Catholic High School in 1995, she has assembled and led a dedicated staff that has successfully built a financial foundation for growth and sustainability for the school. Lisa oversees all fundraising, admissions, alumni relations, marketing and communications efforts. During her tenure she has led multiple capital and endowment campaign initiatives raising more than \$15,000,000 for the school. In addition to her Advancement work, Lisa has been responsible for many enhancements within the school community including the Crusader Ambassador Program and the Sage Dining program, to name a few. Lisa is married to her husband of 33 years, Herb, and they have 2 children.

Tracy Hamner (Central Region)

Tracy Hamner enters his second year as the principal of St. Edward Epiphany Catholic School in Richmond, VA. Prior to coming to SEES, he was the principal at St. Anthony Catholic School in Florence, SC for four years. Tracy is a native of Richmond, Virginia and is a graduate of St. Bridget's Catholic School and Benedictine High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Richmond and his Masters Degree from West Virginia University. He is married to A'Leigh Spensieri Hamner, a graduate of St. Benedict's Catholic School and St. Gertrude's High School. They have three children, Taylor (11), Molly (9) and Sean (6) who all attend St. Edward Epiphany Catholic School.

Michael Hemphill (Western Region)

A former newspaper reporter and columnist for *The Roanoke Times*, Michael Hemphill has served in marketing and fundraising roles for nonprofit organizations since 2003. While a stay-at-home dad, he served from 2005-2012 as a part-time executive director of the Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation in Shawsville, Va., and, from 2008-2009, interim director of university relations at Radford University. In 2012 he began work as director of development and marketing for the Science Museum of Western Virginia, and in 2015 became director of marketing and the Annual Fund at Roanoke Catholic School where his three daughters had been in attendance since 2009.

Richard Mallory (Central Region)

Richard is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richmond and is a member of the KofC where he currently is the Warden. He grew up in Ashland, Virginia and completed RCIA as an adult at St. Ann's in Ashland. He has been married for 32 years to Catherine Farina Mallory and have two adult sons (Andrew 30, Christopher 26). Currently he is employed by Henrico County Police Division (11 years) and spent 20 years in banking/finance prior to joining Henrico Police. Catherine is the Volunteer Coordinator for Henrico Police. Andrew is a ESL teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy in Jeju, South Korea and Christopher is currently in the Henrico Fire Division's Academy. Richard has also provided security for the Diocese, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes along with Collegiate School - Richmond. He has worked in Patrol, Community Policing and as a School Resource Officer.

Rob Martínez (Eastern Region)

Rob Martínez is a graduate of Columbia University and holds a Ph.D. from Yale University. During the first Bush Administration, he served at the U.S. Department of Transportation as Deputy Administrator for the Maritime Administration and was promoted by President George H. W. Bush to Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation and Director of the Office of Intermodalism.

Dr. Martínez began working for Norfolk Southern in 1993 but left in 1994 to become the Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia under Governor George Allen. As Secretary of Transportation, he had oversight over the Virginia Department of Transportation (highways), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Department of Aviation, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and Virginia Port Authority.

Dr. Martínez returned to Norfolk Southern in early 1998, where he now serves as Vice President Business Development and Real Estate. In this position, Dr. Martínez has oversight for: Industrial Development; Real Estate; Market Research and Forecasts; and *Norfolk Southern Mexicana*, which is Norfolk Southern's marketing subsidiary in Mexico. He has focused on the pursuit of industrial projects to grow the revenue base, in support of capital projects, including corridor development efforts, intended to grow the franchise, proper management and monetization of NS assets, and support for forecast and research efforts.

Dr. Martínez is married to Cristina Dziwura Martínez and they have three grown children, son Javier, daughter Pilar Rocío and son Sebastián. They reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

Bob McKenna (Eastern Region)

Bob is a retired US Navy Captain with 27 years of service. Since retirement he has worked as a Defense Contractor and for the last two years as President/CEO of the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. His wife, Kathy, works as Admissions and Enrollment Coordinator and Religion Teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Both attended Catholic schools, growing up, and their four children all attended Catholic schools. The youngest will graduate this year from Peninsula Catholic High School (as did his three siblings). Rob has been a consistent volunteer coach for several sports at both OLMC and PCHS over the past ten years.

Neil McSweeney (Central Region)

Neil is the Chief Operation Officer of Wiley|Wilson, an Architecture and Engineering firm. Neil is a licensed professional engineer in Virginia, Washington DC and Georgia. His wife Andrea taught at Holy Cross and Our Lady of Lourdes. Their three children, Katie, Ben and Will graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Gertrude's High School/Benedictine College Preparatory School. Neil graduated from St. Gregory the Great and the former Norfolk Catholic High School. Neil and Andrea have been members of Our Lady of Lourdes since 1998.

Nick Pilipowskyj (Western Region)

Nicholas Pilipowskyj grew up in Catholic Education. He attended Charlottesville Catholic School from 4th through 8th grade and remained close to the school since graduating. After graduating from The American University in Washington D.C, Nicholas and his wife Rebecca found their way back to Charlottesville where Rebecca actually began teaching at Charlottesville Catholic School in 2017 and Nicholas joined the school board the following year. Nicholas works as a Procurement and Logistics Manager for Signature Science, LLC and in his free time enjoys spending time with his family, working on household projects and riding his motorcycle.

Mike Riley (Western Region)

Mike Riley began with the Diocese at Saint Mary Star of the Sea School in Hampton, in 1999 teaching middle school social studies and language arts where he attended as a child. He was made the assistant principal in 2010. In 2012, he finished his master's in Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership from The College of William and Mary and was named the principal of Charlottesville Catholic School that same year. He is father to a graduate of CCS (class of 2019) and a current fourth grader.

Father Nick Redmond (Eastern Region)

Fr. Nick Redmond was born and raised in Silver Spring, MD. After attending Catholic grade school, he attended Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, a Catholic high school run by the Jesuits. He then went to the University of Virginia where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Spanish in 2000. He remained at UVA for two additional years, during which he taught undergraduates for three semesters in the UVA Department of Spanish. As part of his Master's program, he student-taught at Sutherland Middle School and Charlottesville High School. He earned his Master of Teaching in Foreign Language Education in 2002 from UVA. Holding a dual endorsement to teach Chemistry and Spanish, he taught at Albemarle High School, a large public school in Charlottesville, from 2002 until 2012. During that time, he taught Spanish I, II, III, and AP V. During those years in Charlottesville, he also worked as a referee in football (high school and college), basketball (high school), and lacrosse (high

school and college). In the summer of 2011, God "smacked him upside the head" and made it clear that he should apply to seminary. He was accepted by the Diocese of Richmond and studied at Theological College at the Catholic University of America in Washington from 2012 until 2018, earning the certificate in Philosophy, a Master's in Divinity, and the Pontifical Bachelor's in Sacred Theology. Fr. Redmond was ordained a priest by His Excellency Bishop Barry Knestout on June 2, 2018, in Richmond. In his first year of priesthood, he served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Newport News as well as the Chaplain for Peninsula Catholic High School. In July 2019, Fr. Redmond began in his role as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Petersburg. At the same time, he began in his role as the Associate Director and Promoter of Vocations for the Diocese of Richmond. In that role, Fr. Redmond travels to many of the elementary schools, high schools, and universities around the diocese in order to promote vocations. Fr. Redmond has served on the Diocesan School Advisory Board since the fall of 2018.

Sam Samorian (Eastern Region)

Since 2017, Sam has served as a staff member at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. Sam is responsible for connecting disciples with giving opportunities to support the mission of the church. The parish serves the community through two locations encompassing more than 40 acres and almost 100,000 sf of enclosed space. The Ironbound Campus which includes the Church, Kaplan Parish Hall, the DiLoreto Parish Office and faith formation spaces and the Downtown Catholic Center including the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and the Pope John XXIII Center which hosts the Williamsburg House of Mercy and the Catholic Campus Ministry for the College of William and Mary.

In addition to his staff role at the parish, Sam coordinates the Altar Server Ministry, leads a small group, serves on the Finance Committees for the Diocesan School advisory board and a national not for profit, and is the principal in JN6 Consulting. Prior to his current role, Sam was a senior leader with Community Health Charities, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Heart Association.

Sam and his wife Laura have lived in Williamsburg since 2013 and have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Billie Schneider (Western Region)

Billie has been involved in Catholic education for 37 years; 32 at Saint Anne in the Diocese of Richmond. She received her Bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tusculum College, and an Education Specialist degree in school leadership from Virginia Tech.

She converted to Catholicism as an undergraduate in Kentucky. After graduating, she moved to Louisville, and began her teaching career in the Louisville Diocese. Her brief experience in public education affirmed her belief that education isn't complete without the spiritual foundations as offered in Catholic schools. *"I know Catholic education is important, even more so in today's environment. That is why I love the quote, 'We don't teach them because they are Catholic, we teach them because we are Catholic'. That's what we do, and I love it!"* Billie currently serves as Principal of Saint Anne Catholic School in Bristol, VA.

Danielle Simone (Central Region)

Danielle Simone has been an educator for 25 years, working in both the private and public sectors as a Preschool and Kindergarten Teacher before entering the world of Preschool Administration. Raised a Southern Baptist, Danielle merged with the Catholic world through marriage to her husband Chris. Having worked in Episcopal, Methodist, Public, and now a Baptist school, she knows that we all have the same mission....to offer the very best we can to provide a firm foundation to each and every

child we encounter. A Grandmother of five who expects to have children in Catholic school one day, Danielle is happy to use her past experiences and current relationships to better the world of Catholic Education and constantly strive to better the world of Early Childhood Education overall.

Denise Smith (Central Region)

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Commander Smith was commissioned as a Nurse Corps officer in the United States Navy Reserve in June 1990.

She began her career serving for the Naval Reserve Medical Unit in Cleveland, Ohio from July of 1990 through October of 1992. During this period, she attended the Direct Commission Officer Course in Pensacola, Florida and the six-week Perioperative Nurse Course in Charleston, South Carolina. Following Officer Indoctrination School in November of 1992, she reported to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland where she served as Staff Nurse/Division Officer in the Main Operating Room. In September/October of 1994, she served aboard the USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) as the Neurosurgical Division Officer for OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY. In January of 1996, she transferred to Naval Hospital, Millington, Tennessee as Division Officer, Main Operating Room. Upon closure of the hospital, she reported to Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in October of 1997 and served as Division Officer of the Main Operating Room and Post Anesthesia Care Unit. In July of 2001, Commander Smith was selected for Duty Under Instruction for a Master of Science in Nursing. After completing her degree, she reported to Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, in June 2003 where she completed her utilization tour as Division Officer/Assistant Department Head of Perioperative Services and was subsequently selected to serve as the Department Head of Perioperative Services. During this tour CDR Smith was selected to serve as Senior Nurse Executive, Joint task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from October of 2004 through May of 2005 in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. In June of 2007, Commander Smith transferred to Naval Hospital, Sigonella, Italy and served as Department Head for Perioperative Services, interim Director, Nursing Services, the hospital Naval IG Investigator, and Customer Relations Officer for the hospital and three branch clinics including Bahrain and Souda Bay, Crete. In October of 2009, she transferred to Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and served as Department Head of Preoperative Services and Assistant Director, Surgical Services. In October of 2012, CDR Smith retired from the United States Navy with 22 years of honorable service.

Upon retirement Commander Smith relocated to Suffolk, Virginia, where her husband completed his naval service. Clifford Smith Jr. attended Portsmouth Catholic Regional School for 1st grade. In 2015, the family relocated to Glen Allen, Virginia, where both children now attend Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.

Commander Smith holds a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration, Perioperative focus, from East Carolina University, a Master's Degree in Health Services Management from Webster University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Akron. She maintains National certification in perioperative nursing and has been inducted in Honor Societies of Sigma Theta Tau and Phi Kappa Phi.

Commander Smith's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and additional unit and service awards.

Commander Smith is married to Captain Clifford Smith, United States Navy, Retired, of Phoenix, Arizona and they have a twelve-year old son, Clifford Jr. and an eight-year old daughter, Madelynn.

Kathleen Smith (Central Region)

Dr. Kathleen M. Smith has been an educator since 1975. She retired as the Regional Director for the Mid-Atlantic States for AdvancED | Measured Progress (now Cognia) and the Director of the Office of School Improvement with the Virginia Department of Education with five and fifteen years, respectively. She currently serves as a Board Member At-Large for the Virginia Council of Private Education. In her forty-five years in education, she has served at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Her past experiences as a special educator, alternative education specialist, career and technical director, pre-school specialist, school board member, and school improvement specialist provide a diverse background in many areas. Her career in education has afforded her many opportunities to work with diverse student populations including her twenty-five year employment in a high poverty district.

She has extensive experience in school and district improvement processes, grant writing, student engagement, formative assessment, fidelity of program implementation, inclusive teaching practices, differentiating instruction, unit and lesson planning, understanding standards-based education, improving graduation outcomes, survey design, and data analysis.

She received her doctorate from The College of William and Mary. Her dissertation, *The Impact of District Climate on Student Achievement*, was a culmination of her desire to support districts in finding systemic avenues to improve outcomes for students.

John Thomas (Western Region)

John has significant experience representing individuals and businesses in a variety of civil and criminal litigation. John is a partner with Hafemann Magee & Thomas and lives in Roanoke, Virginia, with his wife and five children.

John is a national leader in False Claims Act litigation, where whistleblowers uncover and report fraud against the government. John litigates cases throughout the country involving procurement fraud, health care fraud, medical device fraud, and grant fraud. John is the Founder and Chair of the Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section and a frequent writer and speaker on the False Claims Act.

John was responsible for bringing the landmark case against Duke University for grant fraud that resulted in a \$112.5M settlement.

John is also an experienced litigator in the criminal arena. He has served as both a prosecutor and defense counsel in a variety of federal and state actions, including contested trials involving financial crimes, government fraud, attempted murder, war crimes, complex classified litigation matters, crimes against children, drug offenses, firearms offenses, and theft of government property.

John also has a special interest in science policy and research administration issues and represents clients in a variety of research and science policy matters and other issues involving academic institutions. He is a contributor to Retraction Watch and has published in *The Scientist* and other science media.

In addition to serving on the Federal Bar Association Board of Directors, John remains involved in the FBA Qui Tam Section and the Roanoke Chapter. John is also the Chair of the FBA Public Service Task Force for 2018-2020.

John is a Major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and serves as a planner for Marine Forces Europe and Africa. In his previous billets, John served as a law of war instructor/advisor, prosecuted and defended Marines in courts-martial, served as a deputy staff judge advocate, and deployed to Afghanistan as a battalion judge advocate, where he advised the battalion commander on the law of war and other operational law matters.

John is also a co-founder of Braden Health, Inc., a health care management firm that specializes in rural medicine.

John is a parishioner at Saint Andrews Church in Roanoke and a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He is the Chair of the Roanoke Catholic Advisory School Board.

Eb Toro (Eastern Region)

Lieutenant Colonel Eb Toro currently serves as military faculty at the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Virginia.

Lt Col Toro entered the Air Force in May 1995 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. He completed undergraduate joint navigator training in 1998 and was assigned to fly the Air Force Special Operations Command MC-130E Combat Talon I. Lt Col Toro has served as a squadron, group and command level instructor & evaluator navigator. As an Aviation Foreign Internal Defense adviser, Lt Col Toro has deployed on various advisory missions to Latin America and the Pacific.

Lt Col Toro served at the United States Embassy, El Salvador managing the Foreign Military Sales, International Military Education and Training and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief Programs. He then commanded the 36th Mobility Response Squadron, leading the United States Pacific Command's only expeditionary airfield opening capability before his assignment to Special Operations Command South where he led Central American Special Operations engagement, then exercises. He also served as the Special Operations liaison officer to USSOUTHCOM Commander. He will retire from the United States Air Force after 25 years of service on December 1, 2020.

His educational experience spans eight years instructing Air Force Special Operations aviators culminating as the Command's lead instructor/examiner. He also served as Chairman of the Aerospace Studies Department at Fayetteville State University, North Carolina and for the past four years he has educated senior military officers at the Joint Forces Staff College. He has extensive curriculum development and design experience as well as significant course delivery in traditional face-to-face, hybrid and distance learning modalities.

He has a Master's in Education, Concentration in Secondary Education, from Touro University International, and is a graduate of the Old Dominion University Career Switcher program, earning his provisional teaching license. He holds a Professional Certificate of Online Education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and is in the second year of the Christian Education Leadership Doctoral program at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is a fluent Spanish speaker.

Lt Col Toro is married to the former Ana Amaya of San Salvador, El Salvador. They have four daughters, Alexandria Isabel, Abigail Victoria, Anabella Teresa and Angelica Maria. All children attend Christ the King Catholic School in Norfolk, Virginia, where Ana is also employed as the school's business manager.

Helene Vaughan (Central Region)

As a cradle Catholic, Helene has been around and in Catholic Schools her whole life. She attended St Mary's Catholic School in Landover, MD and Immaculata-LaSalle Catholic High School in Miami, FL. Helene's children attended Saint Joseph Catholic School, where she has worked as the Business Manager for the last three years. Her focus has been in the revamp of its accounting protocol and maintaining its fiscal responsibilities.

With over 30 years of accounting experience, her work includes analyzing financial statements monthly and yearly, accounts payable, payroll, and accounts receivable. *"I am always ready to be audited"*

by anyone that needs to see records” Additionally, Helene has been on the Church of the Sacred Heart, Prince George finance council for over 10 years. *“I understand the board's job is to “advise” and not make policy, similar to the finance council at Church of the Sacred Heart.”* Using her multi-experience in accounting Helene offers valuable insight to the Diocese from a local level standpoint through her roles at Saint Joseph Catholic School and Church of the Sacred Heart, along with seeing the big picture of the Diocese.

Cal Whitehead (Central Region)

Cal Whitehead is a Partner at Commonwealth Strategy Group, a government relations firm, representing businesses, professional associations, and other organizations in matters before the Virginia General Assembly and executive agencies. Cal is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College. He was raised in Harrisonburg and lives in the city of Richmond with his wife and two children, whom attended Saint Bridget Catholic School. Cal is active in several professional and community organizations including St. Bridget Catholic Church, Maymont Foundation, the Board of Associates of Randolph-Macon College (2017-2019 Chair), the Virginia Public Access Project (2012 Board Chair), the Diocese of Richmond Advisory School Board, and Chamber RVA (2017 Government Affairs Chair).

Susan Williams (Central Region)

Dr. Susan Williams is a licensed clinical psychologist having received her Doctoral Degree in Counseling Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She currently works as the Mental Health Initiatives Administrator for the Virginia Department of Corrections. She handles special projects, grants, audits, and more that relate to MH Services. From 2014-2019, she served as the Organizational Development Manager overseeing the Department's initiatives such as Dialogue (communication and engagement) and creating the Healing Environment (the way people treat one another and how they do their work), and other projects such as Strategic Planning and Performance Management.

Personally, she is the mother of 4 children. Her eldest started All Saints Catholic School in Ms. Hoang's Pre-K 25 years ago and she has been a passionate and involved ASCS parent since. She has served as homeroom parent, field trip chaperone and bus driver, Bingo manager, PTO Treasurer, all 9 seasons of LEGO Robotics Coach, School Board Vice Chair, and leaves this Spring completing her term as School Board Chair as her youngest also graduates from 8th grade.