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### OFFICERS

#### **Gregory B. Morrison (2004), Chair Atlanta, Georgia**

Gregory Morrison is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Cox Enterprises, Inc., a leading communications, media, and automotive services company. He is responsible for technology service and strategy development for all corporate systems and enhancing the information technology infrastructure to support business expansion and ensure consistent service levels and operational reliability across the enterprise. Prior to becoming Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Cox Enterprises in February 2002, Mr. Morrison served as Vice President of Information Systems at Prudential Financial, Inc., where he progressed through the ranks from 1989 to 2000. He briefly left Prudential to become Chief Operating Officer and Chief Information Officer for RealEstate.com.

Rejoining the Company in 2000, Morrison later served as Vice President, Information Systems. Prior to joining Prudential, Mr. Morrison served in the United States Army Signal Corps for seven years. He serves on the Board of Directors for Piedmont Health System, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, Gwinnett Technical College; and the Emory University Board of Visitors. Mr. Morrison was named one of *U.S. Black Engineer Magazine's Most Important Blacks in Technology* for six consecutive years (2005- 2010), as well as *Computerworld Magazine's Premier 100 IT Leaders* and is recipient of the Epsilon Award for Career Achievement from the National Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) organization. Morrison earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Science from South Carolina State University and Master's Degree in Science from Northwestern University.



#### **Leonard Walker (2005), Vice Chair Atlanta, Georgia**

Leonard Walker brings both banking and venture capital exposure to the Board of Trustees. As Business Banking Division Manager for Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia Bank, N.A.), where he head headed banking activities for more than 4,000 companies with annual sales ranging from \$3 M to more than \$25 M, Mr. Walker and his team maintained responsibility for all corporate banking, treasury services, credit and capital management needs for Business Banking Customers in Atlanta. As founder and principal of Cyber-Starts, an institution-backed venture capital firm based in Atlanta and funded, in part, by Wachovia, the firm created, acquired and managed companies focusing on the intersection of financial services and technology. Walker's banking career includes 11 years with JPMorgan Chase in New York, New York. While there, he held a number of senior

management positions including Small Business Financial Services and Division Executive in Middle Market Banking. Mr. Walker serves on the boards of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta, Grady Health Foundation, Central Atlanta Progress and Midtown Alliance. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Davidson College and Master of Business Administration Degree from Columbia University. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Program for Management Development. Mr. Walker also chairs the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees.



**Dr. Delores P. Aldridge (CC '63, AU '66) (1988), Secretary  
Atlanta, Georgia**

The embodiment of the academy, Dr. Delores P. Aldridge is the sole academic serving as voting trustee. She holds distinction as first African-American to receive the Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology degree from Purdue University. Recently retired as Grace Towns Hamilton Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Emory University, Dr. Aldridge achieved several firsts during her tenure at Emory. These include: first African American woman faculty member at Emory University;; first chair and founding director of the first Black Studies program in the South; and, first African-American woman Chair at a major institution named for a living African-American woman;. For these achievements, she was accorded the designation “*Teacher of the Century*” at Emory.” Two of four awards bearing her name include the Emory University *Delores P. Aldridge Excellence Awards* inaugurated in 2003 and the Clark Atlanta University Graduate Research Award, inaugurated by her alma mater in 2004. As co-sponsor and creator, Clark Atlanta University annually bestows the *Aldridge/McMillan Awards for Excellence* to outstanding faculty and staff. Dr. Aldridge has served as consultant to federal and social agencies, foreign governments, and educational institutions; authored or edited over 200 commentaries, monographs, articles and books. Her memberships include serving as officer and/or member of the International Black Women’s Congress; Association of Sociology and Behavioral Scientists; National Council for Black Studies; National Science Foundation Social Sciences Division; Development Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia; and International Biographers, Inc. She and her late husband, Kwame Essuon co-founded the KESS NSONA Foundation, a vehicle to support scholarships, university technology improvement and community projects in Ghana. Funds have been provided to build a clinic in Ghana in honor of her youngest sister, Jacquelyn Delaine Aldridge, a victim of the September 11 World Trade Center attack. Dr. Aldridge holds the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the former Clark College and Master of Arts in Social Work from Atlanta University. Credited with over 150 awards and citations, including certificates in Family Therapy from the University of Ireland-Dublin in Child Psychology and the University of Montreal-Canada, Dr. Delores P. Aldridge is one of the most celebrated university professors in America... with over 150 awards and citations to her credit.



**Pedro Cherry (2018)  
Atlanta, Georgia**

Recently elected trustee, Pedro Cherry is executive vice president of Customer Service and Operations (CSO) for Georgia Power. He leads 4,800-plus employees in the Customer Services Organization with responsibility for customer service efforts, transmission, distribution, region operations and corporate services. Named to the role in February 2017, Cherry is responsible for operating and maintaining an electric system that serves 2.5 million customers in all but four of Georgia’s 159 counties. Cherry began his career with the Southern Company in 1997 at Southern Energy Inc., the subsidiary that later became Mirant Corp, where he held positions of increasing responsibility, including chief financial officer for South America and the Caribbean Region, vice president of international finance and vice president of planning and performance management. He returned to Southern Company in 2006, serving as finance manager for Southern Generation/Southern Power and then as assistant to the chief financial officer of Southern Company. He serves on the Boards of the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Georgia Department of Economic Development, and Zoo Atlanta, Georgia Tourism.



**James H. Colon (2013)**  
**Torrance, California**

Former Vice President, African-American Business Strategy for North America, Colon is responsible for engaging Hispanic and African American business and media communities, as well as building a network of Toyota Associates and team members across regions to optimize relationships with important external Hispanic and African-American groups. Prior to assuming this role, Colon was vice president of product communications for Toyota Motor Sales (TMS) U.S.A., Inc. where he was responsible for creating, gathering In addition, managing information and promotion initiatives for Toyota brand vehicles in addition to product and sales training. Since beginning his career with Toyota in 1980, Colon has held various roles at Toyota regional offices and TMS headquarters in Torrance, California, including general manager for the Portland Region, general manager for the Chicago Region and vice president of sales and dealer development for the Lexus Division.

Most recently, Colon served as vice president of sales for the Toyota Division where he was responsible for sales support of Toyota regional offices, public companies and private distributors. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Black Star Project and the First Tee of South Los Angeles. In 2011, he was selected to serve on the Board of Directors for California State University, Los Angeles' Friends of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology Organization and serves as a member of The United Negro College Fund Los Angeles Leadership Council. Most recently appointed to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; he will support its mission by contributing to developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public. Colon received the bachelor's degree in economics and business from Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind. He e was awarded the Honorary Doctorate i Humane Letters from Martin University in Indianapolis in May of 2011.



**Alexander B. Cummings, Jr. (2004) Board Chair (2013-2016)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Alexander B. Cummings, Jr. retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of The Coca-Cola Company effective January 1, 2016. The CAO structure consolidates key global corporate functions in a purposeful approach to effectively support business operations that include Legal, People Function, Global Community Connections, Strategic Planning, Information Technology, Sustainability, Security and Aviation and the Technical organization comprised of Research and Development, Science, Global Quality and Product Integrity, Supply Chain and Procurement. These functions support the Company's five operating groups with presence in over 200 countries. Born in Liberia, West Africa, Mr. Cummings joined The Coca-Cola Company in 1997 as region manager in

Nigeria. In 2000, Cummings was appointed President of the company's North & West Africa Division and in March 2001, he became President and Chief Operating Officer of the Africa Group, responsible for the company's operations in Africa, Comprising a total of 56 countries and territories across the continent. He is Chairman of the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Cummings held several positions with The Pillsbury Company in the U.S. In his last role as Vice President of Finance for Pillsbury International, he had financial responsibility for a growing \$1.2 billion international branded food business with operating companies in 16 countries. Mr. Cummings currently serves on the boards of C.A.R.E and Clark Atlanta University. He is also a board member of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, a Publicly-traded bottler of the Coca-Cola Company (NASDAQ). He is a member of the Executive Leadership Council. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Economics from Northern Illinois University and Master of Business Administration in Finance from Atlanta University.



**Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. (AU '86) (2010)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Entrepreneur Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TWD, Inc., a consulting firm with emphasis on business development, public relations, and fundraising. He is Chief Executive Officer of Atlanta Transportation Systems, Inc., a para-transit system that manages non-emergency transportation for the State of Georgia. Other business involvements include Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Parking, Chairman of Lancor Parking Management, LLC, and Managing Partner of FAD Consulting, LLC, a diversity management, marketing and events management company. Mr. Dortch holds the singular distinction as Chairman Emeritus of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Under his guidance, the organization expanded from 43 to 102 chapters throughout the United States, Africa, England, and the West Indies. Mr. Dortch is founder of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., a vehicle to highlight the major contributions of Historically

Black Colleges and Universities and their graduates; co-founder of the Georgia Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME), an advocacy organization for minority business development; and, co-founder of the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance, a capacity building and business development organization for the construction and transportation industries. His affiliations include Sickie Cell Foundation of Georgia; Black/Jewish Coalition; Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau; Atlanta Business League and Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority. Dortch is the recipient of numerous awards. Of note is the U. S. Presidential Citation for Volunteerism; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award; Turner Broadcasting Trumpet Leadership Award; 2004 Man of The Decade Award by the 100 Black Men of America; Inc.; and The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 2004 Distinguished Phoenix Award, Mr. Dortch holds the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Pre-Professional Social Work from Fort Valley State University and Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Atlanta University. A Georgia State University Ford Fellow in the Urban Policy Administration Program, Dortch is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Fayetteville State University, Fort Valley State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Livingstone College, and Jarvis Christian College.



**Salvador Diaz-Verson, Jr. (1995)**  
**Sarasota, Florida**

Salvador Diaz-Verson, Jr. is Chairman and President of Diaz-Verson Capital Investments, a company formed in 1993. Prior to this, he retired as President and Chief Investment Officer of American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC), during which time the Company rose to become a Fortune 500 Company. Among his many achievements, he counts diversification of the specialty insurance company's operations and holdings, nationally and internationally, opening offices in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea, the Cayman Islands, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Mr. Diaz-Verson serves on the Board of Directors of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame; Boys & Girls Club of America; Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation (GA); St. Francis Hospital (GA); American

Cancer Society; United Way; Atlanta Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Atlanta); Regions Bank; Aura Systems; and, Clemente Capitol; Vest mark, Inc.; Food source, LLC; and, Diaz Foods, the largest Hispanic- owned company distributing Latino and specialty food products in the nation. Recipient of the Masters in Business Administration from Florida State University (FSU), he was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame in 2001.



**Ernest G. Green (1999)**  
**Washington, D.C.**

Ernest G. Green most recently served as Partner Matrix Advisors, Managing Director of Public Finance for Lehman Brothers in Washington D.C. and Barclays. In 1957, Green and eight other African-American students, later known as the “*Little Rock Nine*,” were the first to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision that declared segregation illegal. Several books, movies, and documentaries have chronicled Mr. Green and his eight classmates’ experience during their historic year at Central High School. On November 9, 1999, The “*Little Rock Nine*” received the nation’s highest civilian honor, the “Congressional Gold Medal” from President Bill Clinton. Mr. Green subsequently earned his high school diploma from Central High School. Mr. Green has served as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training during the administration of President Jimmy Carter and

Chairman of the African Development Foundation on appointment by President Bill Clinton. On appointment by former United States Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley, he also served as Chairman of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board. Mr. Green serves on the boards of Fisk University; National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP), where he served as Chairman for two consecutive years; Quality Education of Minorities (QEM); Council, United States Conference of Mayors; Action International, and Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of Sigma Pi Phi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities. An alumnus of Michigan State University, he is the recipient of the Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science and the Master of Science degree in Sociology. The recipient of countless awards and recognitions during his lifetime, Mr. Green holds honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Arkansas in 2012, Spelman College, Central State University, and Tugaloo College.



**Richard L. Holmes (AU '84) (2010)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Having served in the position of Senior Vice President, Metro Atlanta Region for Georgia Power since 2005, Richard Holmes recently retired after joining the Company in 1974 as Accounting Associate in the Accounting Management Program. As the Metro Atlanta Region Senior Vice President, Holmes’ management portfolio included electric operations, sales and marketing, customer service & business and office operations, governmental relations and community and economic development. During his tenure at Georgia Power, Mr. Holmes held various managerial positions in Customer Service, External Affairs, and Regional Operations. In 1999, he became Assistant to the President and CEO of Georgia Power. Following that assignment, he served as Vice President of Region Operations, Vice President of Administrative Services, followed by Senior Vice President of Corporate Services and Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Holmes serves on several boards: Kennesaw

State University Foundation, American Association of Blacks in Energy; Atlanta Beltline Partnership; McPherson Implementation Local Redevelopment Authority; Columbus State University Foundation; and the Atlanta Police Foundation. In 1999, he served as Chairman of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, becoming the first African American to lead the second largest chamber of commerce in Georgia. He is graduate of Leadership Georgia, Atlanta, Cobb, Columbus, and the Regional Leadership Institute. Mr. Holmes received the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Columbus State University and Master of Business Administration from Atlanta University. He also completed the Harvard University Business School Program for Management Development.



**R. William (Bill) Ide, III (2004)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

R. William Ide, III is a partner with the law firm Denton's, LLP. A former Secretary and general counsel for the Monsanto Company, he specializes in representing boards of directors, audit committees, and management with special investigations, ethics, corporate governance, crisis management, and strategic advice. Today, he focuses his practice on representing public companies, their boards and board committees concerning ethics, corporate governance, special investigations, strategic interfacing with publics, and crisis management. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of AFC Enterprises, Inc., where he chairs the Governance Committee; Audit Committee; Albemarle Corporation Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committees; East West Institute; and Finance and Audit Committee, and former Chair, Governance and Compensation Committee, Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees. Additionally, Mr.

Ide is a member of the Georgia State University Board of Visitors, Law School. He served as counsel to the United States Olympic Committee and is a past President of the American Bar Association. He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia; Master of Business Administration in Finance from Georgia State University, and Bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University.



**Tharon L. Johnson (2013)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Tharon Johnson has garnered more than a decade of experience as a senior policy advisor and campaign manager for local, state and national Democrats. He most recently served as the Southern Regional Director for the Re-election campaign of President Barack Obama. Mr. Johnson's undefeated record as a campaign manager includes victories for State Rep. Alisha Thomas Morgan; former Georgia Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond; Congressmen John Barrow and Congressman John Lewis. He served as campaign manager for Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed in 2009 and then as his Senior Advisor. In his current role, Mr. Johnson counsels a wide range of clients on how to work with government entities and identifies opportunities for them to advance their business goals through successful public sector partnerships. In 2012, Mr. Johnson was honored by Georgia Trend Magazine and Atlanta Business Chronicle as a "40 under 40" award recipient. Named by James Magazine one of the top 25 most influential Georgians, Mr. Johnson is the only African American

designated *Campaigns & Elections 2010 Rising Star*. The American Association of Political Consultants awarded Mr. Johnson its 2010 Campaign Manager of the Year, making him the youngest and first African American to receive the distinction. Actively engaged in his community, Mr. Johnson is a Board member of KIPP Metro Atlanta and mentor in Big Brother for Big Brothers and Sisters of Metro Atlanta. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Clark Atlanta University in 2001.



**Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones (2003)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Ingrid Saunders Jones retired as Senior Vice President of Global Community Connections for The Coca-Cola Company and Chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation. Under her leadership, the Foundation contributed more than \$340 million to support a wide range of sustainable community initiatives and funds including the Coca-Cola *First Generation Scholarship Program* for first generation college students. Ms. Jones is Chair of the National Council of Negro Women. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation; Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation; Clark Atlanta University; Carter Center; Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; The Ohio State University President's Council on Women; Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University; and the National Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta and the Society of International Business Fellows. Ms. Jones is the

recipient of numerous awards for her work and contributions including the 2011 Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award; the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; the 2010 Corporate Responsibility Award from *ESSENCE* Magazine; the 2008 Executive Leadership Council's Achievement Award; The President's Award from Morehouse College; The Ohio State University Foundation's John B. Gerlach Development Award; and the Georgia State University School of Business Hall of Fame. A native of Detroit, Ms. Jones earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Michigan State University and Master's Degree in Education at Eastern Michigan University. She is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from her alma mater, Michigan State University, Spelman College, and Knoxville College.



**Joel Katz (2018)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia.**

Joel Katz is the Atlanta Founding Shareholder, Atlanta Co-Managing shareholder emeritus hailed by *Billboard* Magazine as the number-one-ranked entertainment Attorney on its 'Power 100' list of most powerful executives in the music business. Entrusted by some of the world's most famous entertainers who place their trust in him to construct breakthrough deals that boost their careers, cultivate their talents and safeguard their assets. Katz's star-studded client list roster includes music industry legends from an array of genres, as well as music producers, record companies, concert promoters and corporate heavy hitters. A powerful, influential contributor and energetic force within the entertainment industry, Katz has played a profound role in shaping his profession. Katz's areas of concentration include entertainment law; executive compensation agreements; entertainment related corporate acquisitions; mergers; and consultations of multi-national

and multi-media entertainment companies. He has negotiated significant contracts on behalf of the Recording Academy, negotiated and closed financing arrangements to finance music television programming globally, negotiated the sale of Michael Jackson's 50% stake in Sony/ATV Music Publishing to Sony Corp; negotiated employment agreements on behalf of more than thirty senior industry executives. Among his philanthropic endeavors, Katz includes education and cancer research.





**Wendy Lewis (2012)**  
**Oakbrook, Illinois**

Prior to joining the McDonald's Corporation as Chief Diversity Officer, Global, Ms. Lewis served as Senior Vice President of Diversity and Strategic Alliances for Major League Baseball (MLB) in the Office of the Commissioner. In this capacity, she implemented several initiatives: MLB's Diversity Economic Impact Initiative to advance the level of MLB's current workforce and supplier diversity; created methodologies for cultural assessments, diversification of economic platforms and industry-wide diversity training; established an agenda for succession planning to add to MLB's high-potential talent pool, and led the Team to develop MLB's new talent pipeline, the two-year Executive Development Program. Ms. Lewis was leading strategist for MLB's *Diverse Business Partner's Program*, the premier minority procurement program in Professional Sport, spending well over \$500 million with minority-owned and women's businesses. Vice-President of Strategic Planning for

Recruitment and Diversity and Vice President of Human Resources and Operations for MLB, she served as corporate liaison in the area of Human Resources to all 30 Major League Clubs, where she formulated an infrastructure for Human Resource Management and the establishment of industry best practices. Ms. Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions including: The Legend Award from the Black Women in Sports Foundation; Schaffner Award for preeminence in her field and Outstanding Service from Northwestern University; Pioneer Award from the National Association of Black Journalists; MLB's (Minorities in Business) annual award for outstanding effort in diversity within sports, and Rainbow/PUSH "Effie Manley Sports Executive of the Year." She has been honored by the *Network Journal* as one of the "25" Influential Black Women in Business and listed in *Sports Illustrated* as one of the "Most Influential Minorities in Sports." Ms. Lewis received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh and the Master's in Business Administration from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.



**Michael E. Melton (2007)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Michael E. Melton is Founder, President, and CEO of TME Enterprises ("TME"). Headquartered in Atlanta, the company owns and manages a portfolio of commercial real estate properties and restaurants. Mr. Melton is also an attorney with more than 30 years of experience in the field of intellectual property law (litigation and licensing) and the management of corporate intellectual property law departments, in addition to which he is a published author and frequent lecturer on topics pertaining to intellectual property law. He currently practices law as a partner with the firm of Norris & Melton, PLLC and its intellectual property management, consulting and licensing arm, IP Counsel Consultants. Previously held positions include Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for PH2 Solutions, Inc.; Vice President and Director of Intellectual Property for Motorola, Inc.; Deputy General

Counsel for Intellectual Property for Pitney Bowes; Director and Chief Patent Counsel for MCI Communications Corporation; and European Legal Counsel for Texas Instruments, Inc. Mr. Melton is a member of Leadership Greater Washington class of 2007; Life Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation; Board member, One Hundred Black Men of America, Inc. and President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter; Principal and founding member of the Board of Directors of the Merit Bank (Overland Park, Kansas); Board Member, Urban League of Northern Virginia; Audit Committee member of the National Head Start Association; and member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Prior affiliations include Advisory Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington and Board Member of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. He holds the Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Missouri and is a life member of the University's alumni association.



**Stephanie Russell (2013)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Prior to committing to service as a community activist and volunteer for causes that directly affect the well-being of children and women, particularly African Americans, in the areas of health and education. Mrs. Russell served internships with The Coca-Cola Company and McMaster-Carr industrial Supply Company, after which she held positions as Assistant Brand Manager for the Coca-Cola Company Fountain Division; Product Development Manager for Bell South Cellular and was responsible for creating brand relevancy and advertising plans for the GTE Wireless program. Mrs. Russell has actively engaged in several noteworthy activities. Following a successful kidney transplant between her husband and his brother, Mrs. Russell organized the first-ever American Kidney Fund Gala. The event generated in excess of \$300,000 to advance the organizations work in prevention, education and grassroots assistance. The Fund is beneficiary of a \$100,000 gift,

secured by Mrs. Russell from the H.J. Russell Family Foundation, in recognition of her husband Jerome and brother-in-law Michael. A member of several philanthropic and community organizations, Mrs. Russell serves on the Board of the National Black Arts Foundation, Wren's Nest, Villages of Carver YMCA, Westminster Schools "Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Institute for Philanthropy and Serve Learning." She is actively involved on committees within the Woodward Academy community and the Girl Scouts of America. Mrs. Russell has chaired and co-chaired many events throughout the Atlanta community, most recently the 2011 and 2013 National Black Arts Festival (NBAF). As a founding member of Granting Atlanta's Wishes (G.A.W), a nine-woman member-organization, Mrs. Russell provides assistance to those seeking to pursue their educational, entrepreneurial and artistic dreams. She received the Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) from Clark Atlanta University in 1993. Mrs. Russell is married to H. Jerome Russell and they have four children.



**Bobbie Kennedy Sanford (CC '63) (2012)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Bobbie Kennedy Sanford, Broker and Principal, Sanford Realty Company, Inc. (est. 1965) has amassed a distinguished record of achievement within the real estate establishment and as citizen extraordinaire. Mrs. Sanford has served in leadership positions within the real estate community at the county, state, and national levels. Having served in leadership capacities within the Dekalb Association of Realtors, she was elected first African-American Female President and subsequently awarded the Clark Harrison Community Service Award in 2009 and Realtor of the Year Award in 2010. As member of the Georgia Association of Realtors, she served on the Education Advisory Committee for the Georgia Real Estate Commission. Named Broker of the Year and Past Chairman of the Board of the Empire Board of Realtists, she served as Past Chair and member of the Board of Directors for the National Association

of Real Estate Brokers. A life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Founding Member, 100 Black Women of DeKalb, and member, DeKalb Advisory Board, Mrs. Sanford currently serves on the Board of Ethics, DeKalb County Commission. A charter member and Co-President of the DeKalb County Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association. Mrs. Sanford was awarded the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education.



**William E. Shack, Jr. (2000)**  
**Henderson, Nevada and Los Angeles, California**

William (Bill) Shack is an entrepreneur, business, civic leader, and auto industry pioneer who has owned/ co-owned and sold fourteen automotive dealerships on the West Coast including Yucca Valley Ford, Miramar Lincoln-Mercury, Queen City Ford, Shack-Findlay Honda and Manhattan Beach Ford. On selling all of his interests in the automotive industry, Mr. Shack's business interests have expanded to include housing development, construction, real estate, and entertainment (Jabara Records/Hitzville the Show). He was Founding President of the National Association of Minority Auto Dealers and member of the political action committee of the National Auto Dealers Association. Previously he served on the National Urban League Senior Advisory Board and currently serves in leadership capacities with Rainbow-PUSH and the PUSH International Trade Bureau. For his many contributions to Clark Atlanta University, Mr. Shack received the honorary doctorate degree in May 2006.



**Isaac J. Snype, Jr. (CC '76) (2004)**  
**Cary, North Carolina**

Isaac J. Snype, Jr. (CC '76) has spent the major portion of his career as finance and integrated supply chain executive for the IBM Corporation. During his term as the National Alumni Association Representative to the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Board of Trustees, Mr. Snype represented the interests of more than 20,000 alumni. Since becoming a CAU trustee in 2004, Mr. Snype has made student affairs, strengthening alumni engagement, and the alumni annual fund the cornerstone of his board tenure. As trustee, he has served as an active member and current Chair of the Student Affairs Committee and member of the Institutional Advancement and University Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Snype received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Clark College and Master of Arts Degree in Finance from Florida Atlantic University.



**Errol B. Taylor (2016)**  
**New York, New York**

Errol Taylor is a partner in the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, and Hadley & McCoy and leads the firm's biopharma patent litigation practice. A partner since 2003, Mr. Taylor focuses mainly on representing research pharmaceutical, biotechnology and chemical companies in patent litigation and related counseling. With particular expertise in cases involving generic drug approvals and the Hatch-Waxman Act, Mr. Taylor has served as lead trial counsel in numerous multi-party, multinational cases involving some of the world's most prescribed medicines. Mr. Taylor has given lectures in the areas of pharmaceutical litigation, interference procedure, damages and injunctions to various legal professional associations, including the American Bar Association; American Intellectual Property Law Association; Federal Circuit Bar Association; Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers Association; National Bar Association; New York Intellectual Property Law Association; and

The Association of the Bar for the City of New York. Recognized as one of the world's leading pharmaceutical litigators, Mr. Taylor is cited in numerous publications and journals, among them: Chambers USA, PLC Which Lawyers? Super Lawyers, and I AM Magazine, which selected him as one of the 250 top patent litigators in the world and in the first tier of New York lawyers. Selected by The National Law Journal as one of the nation's top trial lawyers in 2003, Mr. Taylor received an honorary Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Oswego in 2006. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the New York Law School and Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights under Law. He formerly served President of the Chapin School Board of Trustees in Princeton, NJ.



**Alvin T. Trotter, M.D. (CC '63) (2004)**  
**Los Angeles, California**

Dr. Alvin Trotter has made health, family unity, and youth education the guiding force in his life. On graduation from the UCLA Medical School and completion of his residency at the Los Angeles County Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center, Dr. Trotter opened a private medical practice in Los Angeles, specializing in internal medicine. Following a successful private practice, he and four associates opened Regent Medical, where they offer full-service primary care to patients in the Los Angeles/Inglewood communities, where he is devoted to uplifting youth and to the health, educational and economic empowerment on behalf of the communities he serves. Among his affiliations are the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association and the Los Angeles Medical Society. He is a lifetime member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and serves on the

Board of Directors of the Coalition of Mental Health. Dr. Trotter holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Clark College and medical degree from the UCLA Medical Center.



**Brenda W. Walker (CC'75) (2007)**  
**Cary, North Carolina**

Brenda Walker is a leading financial investment executive with more than 25 years of financial and managerial experience. She is a founding partner in 522 Capital Partners LLC ("522 Capital"), the newly launched, vertically integrated commercial real estate management and investment firm. With offices in New York, North Carolina, and Georgia, 522 Capital's focus is to provide workout and recovery services that will maximize the value of its clients' distressed real estate portfolios. The firm will also acquire distressed assets and/or partner with owners of distressed assets who are seeking liquidity. Ms. Walker has held a variety of senior management and leadership positions with major financial institutions, non-profit and entrepreneurial entities. Prior to forming 522 Capital, she was Senior Vice President, Smith Breeden Associates, Inc., where she was responsible for new business development and client relationships. Previous employers included the White House

Council of Economic Advisors; J. P. Morgan Asset Management; MetLife; Bellemead Development Corporation, a former subsidiary of the Chubb Group; The Amelior Foundation and The Enterprise Foundation. Ms. Walker is a member of the Leadership Council for Child & Family Health in Durham, North Carolina and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree from Clark College; Master of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School, Graduate Division, University of Pennsylvania.



**Derrick M. Williams (CC '81) (2004)**  
**Shreveport, Louisiana**

Mr. Williams recently retired from the position of Vice President of Finance and Planning and Vice President for Finance, Delphi, Europe, Middle East and Africa, having previously served in a number of senior level positions with the Delphi Corporation and the General Motors Powertrain Division. In 1997, he established the Doris F. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarding scholarship monies to minority students attending four-year colleges or universities. Recipient of the Powell William Holly Alumnus of the Year award In 1997. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.; National Association of Black Accountants; and, National Black MBA Association. Mr. Williams received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance and Accounting from Clark Atlanta University and Master of Arts in Business Administration from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.



**Carolyn M. Young (2004)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Carolyn M. Young is an executive with Atlanta-based GoodWorks International, LLC, a leading global advisory firm offering international market access and political risk analysis in key emerging markets within Africa and the Caribbean. Retired after a 30-year teaching career with the Atlanta Public Schools, Mrs. Young is recognized as an outstanding educator. Mrs. Young has received several awards and honors including the 1976 *Atlanta Area II Teacher of the Year*, *Georgia Teachers Incentive Award* for Intermediate Grades and the Southern Bell Black History Calendar as a "Teacher of Excellence." She also serves on the Governor's Reform Commission for Education and the Georgia Human Relations Commission. She is a member of the board of directors for the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University; Fernbank Museum; the Starlight Foundation; and, Literacy Action, Inc.; Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); SCLC Women; the Apex Museum;

and, Georgia Council of Abused Children. She is a member of the Buckhead Cascade Chapter of Links, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Young is a graduate of Clark College and Georgia State University.

#### Ex-Officio



**Ronald A. Johnson, Ph.D. President**

Dr. Ronald A. Johnson assumed the presidency of Clark Atlanta University on July 1, 2015. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he earned the B.A. in economics from the Adelphi University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Stanford University. Prior to becoming President, Dr. Johnson served as dean and full professor of finance at Texas Southern University's Jesse H. Jones (JHJ) School of Business full professor of finance since 2011. Under his leadership, in 2014, the JHJ School of Business was listed as one of The Princeton Review's 295 best U.S. business schools. GetEducated.com listed its eMBA program as one of the best online buys. In 2015, U.S. News and World Report listed the JHJ School of Business as one of the best graduate schools. Dr. Johnson also served as dean of the Western Carolina University College of Business in Cullowhee, N.C., where the MBA Program received recognition as one of the Princeton Review's Best Business Schools in the nation. Its online master's degree program in project management earned

GetEducated.com's distinction as the nation's top-ranked online program in quality and affordability. Dr. Johnson built his career around teaching, mentoring and preparing future leaders in the fields of investment, global financial management, international business, portfolio and securities analysis, economics and banking, serving with distinction for two decades as BB&T distinguished professor of capitalism and professor of finance in the School of Business and Industry at Florida A&M University; assistant professor of finance, Northeastern University; and visiting assistant professor of economics, Howard University. Prior to his career in academia, he served as president and chief investment officer of Smith Graham & Company, an institutional investment management company in Houston, Texas, where he managed \$3 billion in assets. Prior to joining Smith Graham, he served as director of global fixed income research and senior portfolio manager for Templeton Worldwide Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he oversaw assets valued at \$2 billion. Dr. Johnson also served as chief strategist and chairman of the Investment committee for Americas Trust Bank in Miami, Florida; division chief for domestic financial markets with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and as an economist with the International Monetary Fund, as well as the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Irene Oakley Johnson, have one adult son.



**Calvin Briggs (2016) National Alumni Association  
Hoover, Alabama**

As representative to the Board of Trustees on behalf of the National Alumni Association, Dr. Calvin Briggs previously served as President of the Birmingham Alumni Association. Following graduation from Clark Atlanta University with a dual concentration in Art and Dual Degree Engineering, Dr. Briggs received the Masters of Education in Secondary Education Mathematics ('05) from Alabama State University and the Doctor of Education degree, with a specialization in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law from Alabama State University in 2014. Dr. Briggs' vitae cites fourteen years of progressive experience in secondary and post-secondary academic instruction, program development, leadership, policy and student development with a primary focus in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). In addition to serving as mathematics instructor at Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Briggs' background and higher education and secondary administration experience includes co-principal Investigator for

several grants and proposals, instructor, corporate experience in areas of management and design, architectural design and project management; collaborative and community outreach and participation in numerous conferences and education activities as presenter. Evidentiary of his commitment to the promotion of STEM education, Dr. Briggs' professional affiliations include membership in the American and Alabama Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges; National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; National and Alabama Education Associations National Society of Black Engineers; American Association for the Advancement of Science and the United Way of Alabama. Rounding out his extensive dedication to teaching, Dr. Briggs holds memberships on numerous Boards and college committees.



**Carla Cooper (2018) National Alumni Association  
Atlanta, Georgia**

Ms. Cooper is an Executive Director with the Sunrise Senior Living Community, the fifth largest senior living provider in the United States. As advocate and leader in the field of senior living for over a decade, Ms. Cooper is recipient of the Executive Director of the Year and American Health Care Associations Silver Quality Awards. A long-time resident of Metro Atlanta, this Michigan native holds a B.S. degree from Clark Atlanta University, M.P.A. from Troy University and is currently pursuing the Ph.D. from Georgia Southern University. In addition to her longstanding affiliation and service as Recording Secretary of the National Alumni Association and two-term President of the DeKalb Chapter, alumna Cooper shares the gift of her organizational skills and talents as member of the executive board of Clayton County Meals on Wheels; United Way Women of Cole; and, the Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees.



**Sue Hauptert-Johnson (2016) Bishop  
Resident Bishop United Methodist Church  
Atlanta, Georgia**

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson is the episcopal leader of the North Georgia Area of the United Methodist Church. Elected bishop in 2016 by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church and consecrated July 15, 2016, her first assignment is to the North Georgia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church, which she began on September 1, 2016. A Florida native, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. in Business Administration), University of Florida College of Law (J.D.), and Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div.). Before answering her call to ministry, she was a federal law clerk and a litigator with the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields. Following Graduation from Candler (summa cum laude); she was ordained deacon in the Florida Annual Conference in 1996 and elder in 1998. She subsequently served pastoral appointments as associate pastor at 4,400 member First UMC, Lakeland;

as pastor of a 300-member rural/suburban church, Hillsborough UMC, Tampa; and lead pastor of two large membership churches in Cape Coral and Ocala Florida. As district Superintendent, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson guided a diverse area of both large and small churches; urban, suburban and rural; African-American, Haitian, and Hispanic churches; a Native American ministry; large camp and retreat center and vibrant campus ministry. She serves as chair of the Alumni Board of Candler School of Theology at Emory University and on the Board of Trustees of Bethune Cookman University.



## **DELEGATES**

**Elisha J. Harris  
Undergraduate SGA President  
Business Marketing Major  
Lawton, Oklahoma**



**Amanda-Louise Poole  
Graduate SGA President  
Humanities Ph.D., African American Studies Concentration  
Columbus, Ohio**





**Representative On Behalf Of The United Methodist Church**  
**Rev Dr. Bernice Kirkland**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

Ordained elder of the United Methodist Church and Superintendent, Atlanta College Park District, North Georgia Conference, Rev. Dr. Bernice Williams Kirkland has served in chaplain residencies at Emory University (2000) and the University of Tennessee Medical Center (2001); executive pastor ships and as pastor. Among her specializations, she includes cross-racial leadership. An effective change-agent, her deepest passion is making and shaping disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Her journey has equipped her to serve others and lead well. In addition to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Dillard University ('92) and Master of Divinity Degree, Interdenominational Theological Center (Valedictorian '99); she holds the Doctor of Ministry Degree in Christian Spirituality from Columbia Theological Seminary '09) where her doctoral Project was "Spiritual Leadership as Essential for Church Renewal." Married to Darryl Edgar Kirkland for

thirty-two years, they are the proud parents of two strong adventurous young adults: Jasmine Daniele (27), a critical care nurse at Emory University Hospital and Derek Eugene, a teacher in Beijing, China. Dr. Kirkland is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority and the Gammon Board of Trustees. Her hobbies include gardening and decorating and her theme song for living is "to God Be the Glory."

