Leslie M. Kurtz, CPA  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Mrs. Kurtz is the Chief Financial Officer at MedQuest Associates. In addition to owning or managing 46 diagnostic imaging centers across the Southeast, MedQuest provides radiology management and consulting services to large health systems across the United States. Leslie is responsible for all aspects of Finance, Accounting, Financial Planning & Analysis and CBO Revenue Cycle operations. In addition to her financial responsibilities, Leslie leads the company’s enterprise change leadership and talent management efforts.

Prior to joining MedQuest, Leslie was the Vice President of Finance and Operations for the Southern Region of Right Management, a global leader in talent and career management workforce solutions within ManpowerGroup. There she was responsible for identifying and operationalizing new strategies to maximize financial performance. Prior to joining Right, she was the Chief Financial Officer at Irwin & Browning, Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in organizational design, executive selection and leadership development. Leslie also worked in financial roles with Coca-Cola Enterprises and Arthur Andersen & Co.

Leslie received her bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Dayton in Ohio. She is a CPA in the state of Georgia and a member of the American Society of CPAs, GA Society of CPAs and CFO Roundtable.

Leslie and her husband, Walter, have three children all of whom have attended King’s Ridge Christian School.

Ben Ackerman  
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees; Co-Chair, Enrollment and Community Development Committee  
Mr. Ackerman currently serves as a partner with Kenzie Lane Innovation, a Buckhead based technology start-up engine whose mission is to create, build and scale disruptive technology companies from the ground up. Prior to KLI, he was President of Experience, an award-winning technology company with a focus on innovating mobile products that deliver incredible experiences for fans at live events. Specifically, with the Experience app, attendees may easily customize their fan experience or season ticket
package from their mobile device at more than 15,000 live sports or entertainment events across North America (www.expapp.com).

Prior to Experience, Ben worked for Firethorn, a Qualcomm company. As Vice President of Product Strategy, he was instrumental in developing the initial go-to-market plan for Firethorn’s mobile banking and payments solution as well as subsequent product launches for the company’s technology offerings. Ben was also Director of Business Development for BroadSource, Inc. and Senior Director of Operations for Air Quality Sciences, now Environment UL. Ben holds two US technology patents and two international technology patents.

Ben also serves as an Advisory Board member for Bioscape Digital, a leading healthcare technology company, and is Vice Chairman of The 410 Bridge, a Christian based, non-profit organization who empowers sustainable community development in Kenya, Uganda, Haiti and Honduras.

Ben attended Clemson University and the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife Dawn live in Alpharetta with their three children, Ellie, Matthew and Marin, all who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

Julie Arnold
Co-Chair, Co-Curricular Committee

Mrs. Arnold is currently consulting with North Point Community Church’s Strategic Partners as their Service Programming Director. Formerly she served as the producer for a television show, “Your Move with Andy Stanley” which is broadcast in 13 markets to an average of 800,000 viewers after Saturday Night Live. In October 1995, she was part of a small group who helped pioneer North Point Community Church led by Andy Stanley. She helped establish programming and production for North Point for over 17 years.

Julie received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Performance from the University of Georgia with a minor in directing. She has enjoyed directing many plays and musicals but put them aside to work for the church and be a wife to Edsel and a mom to her three children who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

David Chatham
President and Chief Executive Officer of Chatham Holdings Corporation and Chathambilt Homes, David Chatham has been building and developing in Metro Atlanta since 1972. Chatham Holdings Corporation, which was founded by David’s father, Howard Chatham, in 1948, has built more than 5,500 new homes and developed more than 150 neighborhoods in the Metro Atlanta area. The company was recently honored by being named the Georgia Family Business of the Year by the Cox Family Enterprises Center. David is a Life Member of the Boards of the National Association of Home Builders and the Georgia Association of Home Builders and is past president of the
Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

In 1990, he was selected as an outstanding alumnus of the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business and has served as lecturer and practitioner for the School of Real Estate at UGA. He also served on the Board of Trustees for University of Georgia Foundation and is currently a Trustee Emeritus. David is active in community service, and served on the boards of North Fulton YMCA, Isakson/Alpharetta YMCA and Metro Atlanta YMCA. To counter the cyclical nature of residential real estate, David is an owner partner of Executive Asset Management which manages and liquidates foreclosed properties for banks, mortgage lenders and loan servicers, nationwide.

David holds a BBA from The University of Georgia, with a major in real estate and urban development. He has also completed the Wharton School of Management’s Family-Held Corporation courses. David lives in Alpharetta and spends much of his time with his family and on various civic and church related activities, and has served as an Elder and Deacon for Northside Baptist Church.

Abel De La Rosa, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee

Dr. De La Rosa is the Chief Scientific Officer of the Emory Institute for Drug Development and the Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory. He is responsible for the scientific strategy and management of research and development activities of both organizations. Dr. De La Rosa also serves, and has served, on the Board of Directors of biotechnology companies.

Before joining Emory University, Dr. De La Rosa spent 17 years in the biotechnology industry. From 2002 until its acquisition by Gilead in 2012, he was Senior Vice President of Business Development & Scientific Affairs with Pharmasset. He was responsible for licensing, strategic transactions and alliance management, providing business and scientific leadership to antiviral drug development programs, including Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi®) for the treatment of Hepatitis C. Prior to Pharmasset, Dr. De La Rosa held both scientific and business positions at Visible Genetics, where he was responsible for the development and improvement of sequencing-based diagnostic tests for HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B. He also held scientific positions at Innogenetics, Boston Biomedica, and Digene, developing molecular diagnostic tests for infectious diseases.

Dr. De La Rosa earned a Fogarty Fellowship and an Intramural Research Training Award Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health, where he performed Post Doctoral cancer research in the Laboratory of Biochemistry and the Laboratory of Pathology of the National Cancer Institute. He is an inventor and author on several U.S. patents and publications relating to molecular diagnostic methods, techniques and therapeutics for infectious diseases and cancer. Dr. De La Rosa holds a Bachelors Degree in Microbiology from the University of California, San Diego, and a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Miami University.
Abel and his wife, Kristan, have two children that graduated from King’s Ridge Christian School.

**Scott Giacobbe**  
**Co-Chair, Co-Curricular Committee**

Scott is the President of ABM Building & Energy Solutions, a division of ABM Industries, one of the largest facility management companies in the United States with over 110,000 employees. Scott is responsible for providing leadership for the technical services business and oversees business development, strategy, operations, and overall growth of an international business which includes 40 mechanical, electrical, and power offices, along with 280 franchisees across 20 countries. These locations focus on helping commercial clients optimize their facility’s performance through comprehensive financial, energy, mechanical, and building automation solutions.

Prior to joining ABM Industries, Inc., Mr. Giacobbe joined The Linc Group in 1996 and later was part of the management team that worked with a private equity firm to purchase The Linc Group in 2003. He became CEO of the Linc Energy & Building Solutions where he focused on growing the technical solutions group through investing in organic growth, in addition to making key strategic acquisitions. He led the integration of the Mechanical Services, Energy Solutions, Electrical and Lighting, Power Solutions, Clinical Engineering, and Franchising businesses into a single cohesive entity. This business unit also focused on helping to improve the facilities of their commercial clients. In 2010, based on successful and strong growth, the company was successfully sold to ABM Industries, Inc.

Scott enjoys spending time with his family as well as being involved with several charities, church activities, and helping to coach KRCS Jr. Tiger football as well as lacrosse and wrestling. Scott attended Old Dominion University and has completed executive leadership programs from Harvard Business School, Duke University and the University of Southern California.

Scott and his wife Jennifer reside in Alpharetta with their three sons Dean, Cole and Rese who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

**Don Howard**

Mr. Howard began his career in banking in 1973 after serving in the U.S. Army. Before joining Synovus, he was the President and CEO of Roswell Bank and Northside Bank and Trust. Beginning in 2007, Howard served as the bank’s Chairman of the Board and as a Regional CEO for Synovus, overseeing 11 Synovus banks in North Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. In 2009, his responsibilities expanded to leading six Synovus banks in North Georgia and Tennessee. In 2010, Howard was named Chairman and CEO of Bank of North Georgia and Synovus Regional CEO.

Don has served on many community boards including the Board of the College of Business Administration, Georgia Southern University; Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission; Past Chairman of the Board of North Fulton
Hospital; Past President, Roswell Rotary Club; Board Member, Greater North Fulton
Chamber of Commerce and the Foundation Board of the Shepherd Center. Don has
been awarded the Alumnus of the Year for the College of Business, Georgia Southern
University and the Citizen of the Year for North Fulton County.

Don attended Georgia Southern University, Banking School of the South (UGA) and the
Graduate School of Banking of the South (LSU).

Don and his wife Teri live in Canton and together they have 3 children and 5
grandchildren.

Tim Kittredge
Chair, Advancement Committee
Mr. Kittredge is the Regional Director for Regional and Small Business Solutions in
Georgia and Alabama for MetLife. Prior to joining MetLife in January of 2016, he spent
20+ years in a number of sales roles at Unum.

Tim currently serves as Chair of the Advancement Committee and as a member of the
Christian Life Committee. He also volunteers at King’s Ridge Christian School as the
Co-leader of the Men’s Group, Co-leader of LifePath, and Jr. Tiger Basketball Coach.

He is an active member of Roswell United Methodist Church where he currently serves
as the Leader of the Men’s Group and Adult Sunday School Teacher. He has previously
served at RUMC on the Board of Stewards, Finance Committee, Stewardship
Committee and Evangelism Team.

Tim also serves in the community as a member of the Board of Directors of Action
Ministries, a non-profit organization leading fellow Georgians out of poverty, and as a
youth travel baseball coach.

He received his bachelor’s degree in Economics from Bowdoin College.

Tim and his wife, Tarrah, have three children who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

Douglas T. Lay
Chair, Christian Life Committee
Mr. Lay is a partner in the Alpharetta law firm of Kissiah & Lay which maintains a state-
wide practice exclusively in the field of workers’ compensation defense and related
litigation on behalf of employers and insurers with a focus on large self-insured
employers, which includes handling of all related litigation and risk management matters.

Doug is a graduate of Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia with a Juris
Doctor degree. He is also a graduate of the University of South Carolina, attending both
the Spartanburg and Columbia, South Carolina campuses, as well as a graduate of the
United States Army Officer Basic Course for both the Signal Corps and Judge Advocate
General Corps (JAG). He served as a commissioned officer in the Signal Corps with the
South Carolina Army National Guard and JAG officer with The United States Army Reserve in Georgia until resigning his commission at the rank of captain.

Doug is a member of the Georgia and South Carolina bar and admitted to practice before the Georgia State Courts, Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Member of Mercer Law Review and of Mercer Moot Court Board.

He currently serves as Chair of the Christian Life Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee and Nominating Committee of the Board and is an active member of the Prayer Committee and Men’s Fellowship Group. He and his family attend Antioch Christian Church in Canton, Georgia.

Born in Richmond, VA and raised in Spartanburg, SC, he and his wife, Carrie, have three children who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

Virginia Martin  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
Mrs. Martin is the Executive Director of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Atlanta and manages all day to day business functions including volunteers, sponsors and event logistics. The MIT Enterprise Forum is a non-profit extension of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Alumni Association. There are 28 chapters world-wide whose mission is to promote technology entrepreneurship, innovation and business development. The Atlanta chapter is the third largest in the world and hosts 8-10 events a year with topics ranging from the retail supply chain to advances in internet security to cancer vaccines, several of which have been distributed worldwide via satellite broadcasts or webcasts. This is an all-volunteer led organization except for the Executive Director.

Virginia has been a member of the King’s Ridge Christian School Fine Arts and Parent Club Boards. She also served as the King’s Ridge Christian School Science Fair Co-Chair and Cotillion Chair. She is an active member and Sunday School Teacher at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta since 1991 and has led a Girl Scout Troop for 13 years.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Sewanee: The University of the South.

She and her husband, Mike, have two children, one currently attending King’s Ridge Christian School and the other a graduate from King’s Ridge Christian School.

Amy Major McGruder  
Co-Chair, Enrollment and Community Development Committee  
Mrs. McGruder is a commercial real estate attorney and the founder and owner of The McGruder Law Firm LLC which focuses solely on the representation of a multi-billion dollar, national, privately held restaurant company. She has extensive experience representing this company in the acquisition and ground leasing of hundreds of
outparcels throughout the United States and the development of free-standing restaurant buildings.

Prior to founding her own firm, Amy was an Associate in the Real Estate group of the Atlanta office of Troutman Sanders LLP, an international law firm. She is a current member of the State Bar of Georgia and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Amy has previously served on the King’s Ridge Christian School Parent Club Board and the Athletic Association Board. She is a prior member of the Finance Committee and currently chairs the Community Development Committee.

Amy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Furman University, her Master of Science degree from the University of Georgia and her Juris Doctorate degree from Georgia State University.

She and her husband, Paul, have three children who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

**Evan McLaughlin**
Mr. McLaughlin is an ordained minister and works in full-time Christian ministry serving as the Director of Service Programming for North Point Ministries. In that role, Evan oversees and leads all aspects of the Sunday experience for over 20,000 adults, which includes creatively programming, logistically executing and vigorously evaluating over 15 live environments and a live broadcast stream to an additional 15,000 adults, weekly. Functional areas of leadership include creative content creation, production management, music and guest experience.

Prior to North Point Ministries, Evan worked at UPS Supply Chain solutions as an Enterprise Systems Manager.

Evan graduated from the University of Georgia in 1996 with a BA in Political Science and Government. Evan grew up in the Atlanta area and attended The Marist School. Evan is married to Cathy and they have four children, two of whom attended KRCS in its early days, as far back as the grocery store.

**Alvin “Al” Nash**
Mr. Nash is the Executive Director of the Development Authority of Fulton County and for “Select Fulton” the economic development initiative of Fulton County.

Al was associated with Parallax Advisory Group, LLC, a consulting group concentrating on economic development, government affairs, permitting, public policy and procurement. He served as Executive Director of Progress Partners of North Atlanta, the economic development initiative. Mr. Nash was the Founder and a Partner in The Columns Group, Inc., an Atlanta based Real Estate Development Company. Nash also previously held positions with Eagle Real Estate Advisors as Executive Vice President, at
Chatham Properties where he served as Executive Vice President of its holding company, and at Arvida Corporation as President of Arvida of Georgia.

Al is a native of Atlanta, has over 35 years of business experience, and has demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving as a leader of some of the Region’s and the State of Georgia’s most influential business and civic organizations.

Mr. Nash is the past chairman of The Council for Quality Growth, a 30 year old not-for-profit trade association comprised of a diverse membership. The council works to ensure continued growth and economic success for the Region and the State of Georgia. He also served as Chairman of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce in 2008. Al served as Chairman of the Regional Business Coalition, an organization comprised of 16 Metro Atlanta Chambers of Commerce. He currently serves on the Board of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, he also currently serves as a Board member of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, where he chairs the Human Rural Service Transportation Committee; and served on the Governor’s Water Contingency Task Force, which was charged with looking at solutions to the State of Georgia’s water problems. Al also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Kings Ridge Christian School and on the Board of Trustees for Gwinnett Technical College.

Al holds a B.S. Degree in Land Development and Urban Affairs from Georgia State University. He and his wife Judy live in Roswell, Georgia and have two grown children. He is a dedicated resident and corporate citizen of North Fulton, metropolitan Atlanta and Georgia.

Richard Penkoski
Treasurer
Mr. Penkoski is a Principal with Deloitte Consulting LLP, and serves as the Firm’s National Managing Director for Consumer and Industrial Products. He has overall responsibility for Deloitte’s clients and services across a wide range of business sectors, including, automotive, aerospace, chemicals, retail, consumer products, airlines, and hotels. Rich advises C-suite executives and Board Members for some of the world’s largest companies on strategic technology, operations, and finance topics. He is a member of Deloitte’s US Board of Directors.

In addition to his client service, Rich designed and launched the Deloitte Center for Leadership and Community (DCLC), which is a program designed to help non-profit executives enhance their leadership skills and apply commercial leading practices within their organizations. This program currently serves numerous small to medium-sized charitable organizations across metro Atlanta.

Rich is a senior advisor and member of the MIS Advisory Board at the University of Georgia’s Terry School of Business.

Rich earned a Bachelor of Science degree from State University of New York at Albany.
He and his wife, Karen, live in Milton and have two children who attend King’s Ridge Christian School.

**Dr. Jeff D. Williams**  
**Secretary and Headmaster**  
Dr. Jeff D. Williams is the newly appointed headmaster at KRCS as of July 1, 2017. He is the product of a Christian private school, Trinity Christian Academy in Dallas, where his mother was a teacher. He did his undergraduate work in Christianity and Telecommunications from Baylor and Houston Baptist University. Dr. Williams then attended Denver Seminary where he received a Masters of Arts in counseling and state licensure.

Jeff had a thriving private counseling practice in Houston, specializing in working with children, adolescents, and adults. His reputation led to Second Baptist School contracting with him to do parent workshops and staff development. He was viewed by the school as someone with outstanding abilities in working with young people. He was lured to follow his real passion of working with students and began his journey into education as the middle school counselor. Subsequently he took on the role of middle school principal, and later, upper school principal, before being named the head of school in 2009.

Jeff and his wife, Allison, have three daughters – Lindsey is a sophomore at Baylor University, Callie is a rising high school senior and Abby, a rising high school sophomore.