



### After8toEducate Steering Committee Members

**Ted Herrod**, *Senior VP of Sales, PepsiCo – Retired; After8toEducate Steering Committee Co-Chair*



Ted Herrod grew up in Plano, Texas, and recently retired after nearly 26 years with PepsiCo. He began his PepsiCo career in 1991 after graduating from the University of Texas where he earned a BBA in Finance, a BA in Psychology, and eventually his MBA in 1997. During Ted’s tenure at PepsiCo, he served in various capacities across Sales, Marketing, General Management, and Strategy & Transformation. He served as Frito-Lay’s United Way campaign chair and held a position on the United Way’s Business Development Council. Ted was a member of the National Grocers Association Board and served on the University of Texas McCombs Business School Advisory Board.

**Monica Ordonez**, *VP of Strategic Partnerships & External Affairs, Communities In Schools; After8toEducate Steering Committee Co-Chair*



Monica Ordonez serves as the Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and External Affairs for Communities In Schools of the Dallas Region, a nonprofit working in partnership with school districts to provide daily school based interventions to students in grades k-12 to address academic failure, truancy, behavioral issues, social services needs and more. In her role, she leads and supports organizational partnerships and collaborations for resources, program delivery, volunteerism, and community awareness. Monica’s previous experience is in youth programming in alternative education, and violence prevention education. She graduated from the University of North Texas and received a Bachelor in Social Work.

**Anna Michelle Bobadilla**, *Senior Associate VP for Outreach Services and Community Engagement Assistant Provost for Hispanic Student Success, The University of Texas at Arlington*



Michelle Bobadilla is senior associate vice president for outreach services and community engagement and assistant provost for Hispanic student success at The University of Texas at Arlington. She has served on the boards of 25 organizations in North Texas and more than 50 committees addressing the needs of the community at large. Her work has included chairing scholarship committees at both Dallas and Fort Worth Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Bobadilla also co-founded University Crossroads, a program that has provided more than 10,500 students with free SAT math preparation classes. She is also a former vice chair of the National League of United Latin American Citizens' Education Commission.

**Anita Crethers, Civic Leader**



Anita Crethers is an artist, an advocate, a community leader, an activist and a poet. At the age 13 after losing her mother to heart disease, Anita became both a teenage mother and homeless. She eventually found a home at Promise House. Since then, she has flourished from helping to raise thousands of dollars for homeless and parenting youth to completing her bachelor's degree. Anita's passion is empowering youth and her community through her poetry and service.

**Dr. Froswa' Booker Drew, Director of Community Fairs/Strategic Alliances, State Fair of Texas**



Froswa' Booker-Drew, PhD has an extensive background in nonprofit management, partnership development, training and education. She is currently the Director of Community Affairs/Strategic Alliances for the State Fair of Texas. Formerly the National Community Engagement Director for World Vision, she served as a catalyst, partnership broker, and builder of the capacity of local partners in multiple locations across the US to improve and sustain the well-being of children and their families.

**Katie Eska, Principal, North Dallas High School**



Katie Eska became Principal of North Dallas High after serving as Principal at Kramer Elementary for three years. While at Kramer Elementary, Katie led her campus to obtain six state distinctions. She also worked as a high school teacher at Spruce High School from 2009 to 2012, and was head of the Math Department. She is a devoted educator who has implemented a variety of programs to support student achievement. Before joining Kramer in 2014, Eska previously worked as Head of School at a turnaround elementary school in Boston. Katie graduated with a BBA in finance from Notre Dame in 2009 and received a master's degree in education from Harvard University in 2013.

**Brittney Farr, Local and Regional Relations Manager, Dallas Area Rapid Transit**



Brittney Farr has served as Local and Regional Relations Manager for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) since 2013. As the liaison between DART, city council, city management staff, and communities both inside and outside the DART Service Area, Brittney works to ensure that elected officials understand and meet DART communities' needs. Prior to her role at DART, Brittney worked as a student attorney, focusing on human trafficking, immigration, special education and the School to Prison Pipeline. An active member of the DART Human Trafficking Task Force, Brittney now helps coordinate all of DART's ongoing human trafficking prevention activities, training over 3,000 DART employees in how to spot and report signs of human trafficking. She also initiated the DART Safe Place Program, establishing all DART vehicles and facilities as designated Safe Places for children in crisis.

**Regen Horchow Fearon, Chair of the Board for Early Matters Dallas**



Regen Horchow Fearon is Chair of the Board for Early Matters Dallas, a county-wide initiative involving hundreds of organizations which have aligned around a strategic plan to reach goals of 80% kindergarten ready and 60% 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy by 2025. In this role, Regen assists in the work to facilitate communication; to attract new money to the early learning community in Dallas; and to encourage collaborations, where appropriate, in order to improve the lives and educational outcomes for Dallas County children. Her current focus is on the industry of early learning (childcare) and its impact on our workforce and local economy. For the last 12 years, Regen served as the Chair of the Zero to Five Funders Collaborative, a group of over 34 funders who pooled their money to support kindergarten readiness in the Bachman Lake neighborhood. The result of this work is the physical space known as Bachman Lake Together Family Center where a large number of organizations collaborate with families to increase K readiness. A graduate of Yale University with a M.Ed. from the University of North Texas, Regen serves on the boards of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Commit!, Dallas County Community College District Foundation and on the President's Advisory Board of UT Southwestern Medical School.

**Cami Fields, Program Manager, Youth First, The Resource Center**



Cami Fields is the Program Manager for Youth First, a program of Resource Center, for LGBTQ and allied youth 12-18 years old. Before program management, she was an Adolescent Therapist in Resource Center's Behavioral Health Department, providing individual, family, and intensive outpatient treatment for adolescents. She earned a Bachelor of Psychology and Master of Social Work from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN and is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) in the state of Texas. She is actively involved in the community's efforts to address LGBTQ youth homelessness, currently serving on the MDHA Youth Committee and participated in the See Us Now youth count in January 2018 as a team leader for the Cedar Springs area.

**Mayra Fierro, Homeless Youth Advocate**



Mayra Fierro is a Dallas native and community leader. She is actively involved in community projects and non-profit volunteer service. Current roles include youth mentor, community organizer, sexual education facilitator, and church youth leader. Previous community roles have included, resource coordinator, after school program director, youth event organizer, and community gardener. Her focus is empowering young people and encouraging them as they pursue their dreams.

**Vana Hammond, Chief of Community Relations, Office of Dallas Mayor Michael S. Rawlings**



Vana Hammond is a Dallas native who serves as the Chief of Community Relations and GrowSouth for the Office of Dallas Mayor Michael S. Rawlings. In this role, she manages the office's community related issues and initiatives. GrowSouth is the Mayor's signature initiative to promote economic development in southern Dallas. Prior to her service in the mayor's office, she was a Community Prosecutor in Central and Southwest Dallas and, before that, an officer with the Dallas Police Department. During a portion of this time, she also operated a small boutique

law firm focused on small business, probate and family law. Vana serves on several panels and instructs various classes related to public policy, civil and criminal law. She received her B.A. in English from the University of North Texas and her J.D. from Texas Wesleyan School of Law

**Tracey Hardwick** - *Texas Director, I Pour Life*



Tracey spent the first 22 years of her career doing what she loved in broadcast media, as a news anchor in some of the largest TV markets in America. Her journey began to change in 2008 when she and her husband, twin boys and daughter, traveled to a small village in Nigeria on a medical mission to love and care for over 200 children at an orphanage. The trip led to the unexpected blessing and adoption of their 4th child, a little girl they met in Nigeria...Genevieve would complete their family in 2010. Tracey knew at that time that her path would be forever changed as her heart for the marginalized was now her passion. In 2017, Tracey launched the Texas chapter of a non-profit organization called IPourLife, focused on removing all labels of homeless and at-risk youth. Tracey is determined in her mission that given the right opportunity, anyone and everyone can thrive.

**Marquis Hawkins**, *Corporate Compensation & Recruiter, Omni Hotels and Resorts*



Marquis has a lengthy record of closing the achievement gap for students. Raised by a single mom in the Dallas area, Marquis knew early on that opportunities are afforded to those with the best education. After college, he accepted a position as a Corps Member in Teach For America Houston at KIPP Sharpstown College Prep in Southwest Houston. Marquis was an Education Pioneer Fellow and recently served as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Human Capital Management department at Dallas ISD. He is a past board member for the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and currently serves on the boards of CitySquare, YP4, and others. He holds a Bachelors in Political Science from Morehouse College and a Masters in Public Administration from Cornell University.

**Sue Thiers Hesseltine**, *Executive Director, Our Friends Place*



Sue Thiers Hesseltine joined Our Friends Place as the Executive Director on April 4, 1994. Sue is responsible for all aspects of the agency and reports to the Board of Directors. Sue has spent many years working directly with adolescents in capacities ranging from therapeutic camping to parenting and pregnancy teen programs to inner city youth programs. Sue's education includes a Master of Education from the University of North Texas, Denton, 1995, and a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Minnesota, 1982.

**Darren James, *President & COO, KAI Texas***



Darren James focuses his talents and time as an architect on transforming communities through design, construction, and civic engagement. He is president and chief operating officer of KAI Texas, a Dallas-based design and build organization. Darren has worked for KAI since graduating from the University of Kansas in 1992 with an architecture degree. In 2002, Darren was transferred from the St. Louis office to Dallas as program management consultant. After a series of successful projects at Dallas-area universities, Darren worked at Texas Woman’s University as assistant director for three years. In early 2005, KAI wooed Darren back with a vice president position. A month after he was rehired, Darren was promoted to president and COO. Outside of KAI, he chairs The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Dallas Citizens Council Board of Directors. Darren has previously served on various other boards including Dallas Arboretum, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dallas County, and Dallas Center for Architecture.

**Fred Jones, *Civic Leader***



Fred Jones is the Founder/CEO of JONES 2000 & BEYOND. For the past 27 years he has worked as a “*Professional Development /Job Placement Coach*” and an Ambassador for Peace rendering service to many organizations nationally and internationally, such as, the Family Federation for World Peace, Urban League of Greater Dallas in their Strengthening Youth & Family Program, as well as, Project 4-Victory Program (formerly incarcerated ex-offenders). Fred is currently the Residential Site Coordinator for Safehands, Inc. working with youth and the full family circle. He has served on numerous boards and is the recipient of the Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas Guild’s “21<sup>st</sup> Century’s Most Promising Leader”, featured in the Inaugural Edition of Who’s Who In Black Dallas, serves as a “Community Liaison” for C.K. Management, as well as North Texas Parents of the Year.

**Ben Leal, *CEO of Jubilee Park and Community Center***



*Ben Leal joined the staff of Jubilee Park and Community Center in 2010 after beginning his public service career with the Office of the Governor and later serving as a Legislative Director for the Texas House of Representatives. He has worked in nonprofit and public service for over 10 years and has extensive experience in development, program management and operation supervision. Ben is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University with a BA in Political Science with a focus on Public Policy and Urban Development.*

**Kevin Lee, *Senior, Paul Quinn College***



Kevin Lee is a Senior at Paul Quinn College (PQC) studying Business and Pre-Law. In his freshman year at PQC he won \$20,000 for his school by creating and pitching a business plan to over 100 CEOs and business leaders during a fast pitch competition which addressed poverty amongst children in Dallas, TX. He was also selected as a participant in the Duke Immerse at Paul Quinn College Program where he studied the relationship between environmental outcomes and social inequalities in communities. Most recently, Kevin was

selected by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities as an HBCU All-Star and will serve as a Student Ambassador for the White House and his college.

**Dr. Sylvia Lopez, Past-President & Co-Founder, Lone Star State School Counselor Association (LSSSCA)**



Dr. Sylvia A. Lopez is the former Director of Counseling Services for the Dallas Independent School District. She has 41 years of educational experience, during which she has served as a school counselor and as a principal in an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school. As the Director of Counseling Services she facilitates the implementation of the school counseling program, coordinates district wide initiatives, established and developed the accountability project better known as the Counseling Program Highlights for all school counselors, and actively supports and sponsors many of the College and Career Readiness Initiatives such as the FAFSA Summer Melt Program, Post-Secondary Counselor Training, College Fairs, and sponsors the annual Own the Turf: College Career Conference for Dallas ISD school counselors. Sylvia was directly responsible for all 385 elementary, middle and high school counselors in the Dallas Independent School District.

**Elizabeth (Lizzie) MacWillie, BC Workshop Associate Director**



Lizzie MacWillie is an Associate Director at buildingcommunityWORKSHOP. Lizzie heads up People Organizing Place (POP), the participatory city shaping initiative of [bc] that positions local stakeholders as experts to proactively shape their neighborhood's future. Prior to joining [bc] in her current role, Lizzie was a part of OMA/AMO in Rotterdam, NL, as an editor of "Elements of Architecture" by Rem Koolhaas, a collection of books about 15 basic units of architecture. She received a Master of Architecture in Urban Design and a Master of Design Studies in Art, Design and the Public Domain from Harvard's Graduate School of Design, and a Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University.

**Mateo Magdaleno, Chief Education Consultant- IDQ Group, Inc.**



Mateo Magdaleno serves as the Chief Education Consultant for The Magdaleno Group, providing innovative education strategies to corporations, non-profit, government agencies, universities and school districts who are committed to reducing the drop out rate and increasing college enrollment among urban students. Mateo is also the Founder and Chairman of The Magdaleno Leadership Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to building high school student servant leaders and position them to become the next 'Navy Seals' of community empowerment.

**Ashley Marshall, Manager, Homeless Education Program, Dallas ISD**



Ashley Marshall is the manager of the Homeless Education Program for Dallas ISD. She came to the Homeless Education Program in 2017. Previously, she spent ten years as a campus liaison with the district's hospital/homebound program and she was a special education teacher at John Quincy Adams Elementary School in Pleasant Grove for three years.

Ashley came to Dallas from Tampa, Florida and has lived in the Deep Ellum area for fourteen years. She received her M.B.A. from the University of Tampa, her M.A. from the University of South Florida, and a B.S. from the University of Florida.

**Bob Marshall, DISD District 9 Representative**



Bob Marshall has been involved in both private and public education throughout the city of Dallas for more than 20 years serving on the boards of St. Philip's School and Community Center; Educational Opportunities; Educational First Steps; and various other boards, finance committees and foundations. Bob is currently on the Board of Trustees for Parish Episcopal School. He has been a member of the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing And Visual Arts Advisory Board for 10+ years serving as President of the Advisory

Board during the \$65 million capital campaign that renovated the 1922 building and built the new wing. Bob has served DISD as Chairman of the \$1.35billion 2008 Bond Advisory Committee and served on the Future Facilities Task Force. He is currently on the 2015 Bond Advisory Committee representing District 9. Bob is a 1964 graduate of the University of Texas – Austin with a degree in mathematics and minor in accounting.

**Lisa Mumford, Program Director, The Ebby House, Juliette Fowler Communities**



Lisa Mumford is currently a social worker and Program Director of The Ebby House, a program of Juliette Fowler Communities. She holds a counseling degree from Texas A&M – Commerce, and a degree in Social Work from Texas Woman's University. Lisa feels honored to have become a part of the program at The Ebby House before it began receiving residents. Being able to assist in creating the program, Lisa's commitment to The Ebby House and the mission it

serves is renewed each day as she guides and participates in the daily living with the residents. She served on the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Youth Outreach as part of the Steering Committee and Team Lead in January, 2018. She also has been invited to participate on the Texas Network of Youth Services Leadership Council, and has been an active member of the MDHA Youth Committee since 2015. Lisa's hobbies include gardening, reading, and writing. One of Lisa's passions is being a death doula and companioning individuals and families through end of life issues.

**Danielle Odis, Career and Technology Educator, Dallas ISD**



After earning her Master of Architecture from Hampton University, Danielle extended her service work with her neighborhood Civic Association in Virginia to help coordinate their efforts communitywide. As a current Dallas resident, she has found a new way to merge her passion for community, design and volunteer work. Her work with the rebranded Open Architecture Collaborative has helped to bringing strategic planning, design thinking and civic engagement to various community partners and organizations. During her work with the

Steering Committee for Open Architecture Collaborative, she acted as a regional representative, working to build strategic partnerships and help fill capacity throughout the DFW. As an 8-year design professional, she has taken on a new role as a Career and Technology Educator for Dallas ISD, engaging with creative thinkers, young innovators and problem solvers using architectural applications in a daily setting.

**Mitzi Patin, CFO, Cardinal Capital Partners**

Mitzi Patin is a native Texan. After graduating from Texas A&M with a BA in business, she began working at Deloitte Haskins in Dallas. She later received her graduate degree from University of North Texas and worked for Trammell Crow before moving to Wyndham Hotels to set up an affiliate IT venture. She is currently the CFO with Cardinal Capital Partners for the last 16 plus years. Mitzi has two sons who currently attend Woodrow Wilson High school. She has developed a passion in creating opportunities for those students needing financial and emotional support because of her interaction with school academics and athletics.

**Dr. Alexandra Pavlakis, Assistant Professor, SMU Simmons School of Education and Human Development**



Dr. Pavlakis is an Assistant Professor of Education Policy and Leadership in the Simmons School of Education and Human Development. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an M.Sc. in Social Policy and Planning from The London School of Economics and Political Science, an M.Sc. in Teaching from Pace University through the New York City Teaching Fellows Program, and a B.A. in History from Brown University. Prior to her doctoral studies, Dr. Pavlakis was a high school social studies teacher in New York City, a social policy researcher for a London-based consultancy, and a Senior Policy Analyst for a family homelessness and poverty institute. Her research focuses on the ways in which various policies and the actions of schools and communities mold the school experiences of homeless, highly mobile, and low-income families. At SMU, she teaches policy and leadership courses on the doctoral and masters level.

**Tiffani Joy Price (Harrison), Civic Leader**



Tiffani Joy Price is a former foster youth from Texas who participated in CitySquare's Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC) Program. She received shelter, mentorship and support in college from this life-changing initiative. Tiffani is currently excelling as a student at the University of North Texas and received a 4.0 GPA in her classes this past semester. Passionate about effecting change in her community through social justice, Tiffani is majoring in Behavior Analysis and minoring in Anthropology to better understand human behavior. She is currently working as a Case Manager at the Poiema Foundation helping women who have been sexually trafficked or exploited to recover and restore their lives. A survivor of sexual trafficking and exploitation herself, Tiffani is incredibly dedicated to improving the lives of others in her community.

**Kyla Rankin, Senior Community Development Specialist, HOMES Program, Parkland Hospital**



Kyla is a Senior Community Development Specialist for the HOMES program and works with The Bridge and other shelter agencies to coordinate primary care services. In addition, she also coordinates Reach Out and Read, an early literacy program and other special initiatives as they arise. Kyla serves on the complex case committee, diabetes education team and the community outreach council at Parkland. Kyla continues to work with other partner agencies in the Dallas area, including Promise House, Our Friends Place and Austin Street to provide needed social work services to youth and families in transition. Kyla is a current Board member of Metro

Dallas Homeless Alliance. Kyla received a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Hampton University and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**Minerva Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer and President of MRR & Associates**



Minerva Rodriguez serves as the Chief Executive Officer and President of MRR & Associates. Minerva has focused her philanthropic work and professional career on programs that benefit the growing Hispanic community in the areas of education, small business advocacy, political access and social reform. Although she has experience in mainstream markets, Minerva specializes in working with diverse communities. She has led the outreach and communications efforts to minority communities for several citywide and regional projects. Her clients include the U.S. Department of Energy, Ser-Jobs for Progress National, Inc., DFW International Airport, DART, and the Ford Motor Company. She also led the Hispanic outreach efforts for Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings' campaign and advises him in matters pertaining to the Hispanic community. She has served as a member and officer of many community boards, including the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, United Way, Dallas Together Forum, Chancellor's Advisory Board for the Dallas County Community College District, KERA (National Public Radio affiliate), Dallas Museum of Art, Hispanic 100, and the North Texas and Dallas Community Relations commissions.

**Nadia Salibi, MPH Chief Program Officer, CitySquare**



Nadia joined CitySquare in June 2017 and was responsible for developing CitySquare's health portfolio of programs. This includes growing the CitySquare Community Clinic as a medical home for the uninsured, ensuring quality health delivery is provided to our neighbors most in need, and integrating health promotion activities to support prevention practices. Currently, Nadia serves as CitySquare's Chief Program Officer where she leads and supports all CitySquare programs around health, hunger, housing and hope. Nadia holds an M.P.H. in Health Policy and Management from Columbia University and a B.S.E. in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**Nancy Scripps, Civic Leader**



A native of Dallas, Nancy attended Stuart Hall in Virginia and graduated from Austin College, with a B.A. in Communications. She has spent most of her time working in non profit and volunteering in the community. Nancy is active in the community serving on The Family Place Board, the Children's Medical Center Women's Auxiliary and the Bradfield Elementary PTA. Nancy is married and has two children. In her free time she plays competitive tennis.

**Sam Swanson, Civic Leader**



Sam Swanson has been active in the Real Estate industry since 1976. After graduating from SMU Business School, his career started with Henry S. Miller Company as a commercial broker. His business later evolved into land investments throughout the North Texas region. Sandwiched in that 40 year period was a world-wide golf consulting business, Golf Resources, Inc., which he started with golf professional D.A. Weibring. Sam was born in Galesburg, Illinois and arrived in Dallas to attend SMU in 1972. He married

native Dallasite Cindi Holt in 1980. Together they raised 2 wonderful children and have one perfect grandchild with another on the way. Cindi is past Executive Director of Wednesday's Child Benefit Corporation and has served on the boards of CASA and Community Partners. Sam has served on the board of Salesmanship Club of Dallas for 3 terms. He has been an usher at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church for over 30 years. He has served 2 terms on the board of Dallas Country Club. His favorite volunteer job is that of a reading buddy at the Momentous School in South Dallas for over 10 years.

**Victoria Tsalikis, Police Officer, Community Outreach Team, Dallas ISD**



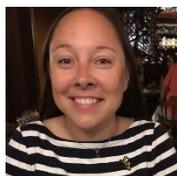
Officer Tsalikis ("Officer T") has been with the Dallas ISD Police Department for over 3 years. She currently, makes up 1/3 of the Dallas ISD Police Community Outreach Team and leads the departments Social Media Unit. Her focus is aiding the community and helping children in need. Officer T participated in the first Police and Community Leadership Academy presented by SERCH Institute and sits on the Junior Board for Communities in Schools. She currently attends UNT Dallas where she is majoring in Human Services and Leadership. Her goal is to work towards a career that will allow her to channel a positive direction to those that are in need of strength and help create leaders. She was born and raised in the city of Dallas.

**Brook Varner, Teacher at Woodrow Wilson HS and Founder of Peace Pantry, Dallas ISD**



In her 13 years at Woodrow Wilson High School, Brook Varner has served as both the department head for the Special Education Department, and as a biology teacher for the past eight years. In 2014, noticing an unaddressed need at Woodrow, Brook started the Woodrow Wilson Peace Pantry to help assist students with food and clothes. With parent, and community support, and through innovative efforts such as the Amazon Wish list, the Peace Pantry has grown to help over 25 families each year. The Peace Pantry can now be found at 7 campuses across the district, as well as 4 pantries in other districts across Texas. Brook Varner is a native of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and a Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

**Mindy Ward, Licensing Professional Counselor Intern Candidate; CitySquare Board of Directors**



Mindy Ward currently serves on the Board of Directors for CitySquare and is a regular volunteer. Mindy received her masters in counseling from SMU in 2015, during which she worked with adolescents and adults at the Dallas Resource Center and Youth First. Before graduate school, she worked at Genesis Women's Shelter and Mother's Against Drunk Driving. After graduating from SMU, Mindy lived for two years in Silicon Valley and worked at Almaden Valley Counseling Services in San Jose. She worked in an elementary school and three high schools for one year, and then worked at a Continuation High School for one year. In those roles, Mindy provided mental health counseling services in both school and office settings. Through her work in California, Mindy acquired a specialty in working with adolescents and their families. Regardless of class and criminal history, Mindy observed that adolescents share the same concerns about depression and anxiety, navigating relationships, developmental transitions, academic success, and future planning. Mindy moved back to Dallas

in 2017 and has applied to be a Licensed Professional Counseling Intern in the state of Texas. She intends for her practice to focus on providing counseling services to adolescents and their families in Dallas.

**Evy Kay Washburne, Civic Leader**



A Texas native, Evy Kay Washburne facilitated the regional collaborative that created the Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC). She served as TRAC’s director at CitySquare from inception until her retirement in 2013. In her long career in the nonprofit sector, she chartered three new organizations and served as executive director for another three, from social services to historic preservation and community development. A graduate of Leadership Nashville, Leadership Dallas, and Leadership Texas, Evy Kay has served on the board of the Meadows Foundation and been active in Philanthropy Southwest and the Council on Foundations. She holds a BA from Vanderbilt University and an MBA from Belmont University, both in Nashville.

**Joy Allison Williamson, Associate, Baker McKenzie, LLP**



Joy Williamson is an associate in Baker McKenzie’s Tax Practice Group. She routinely represents taxpayers at various stages of tax controversies, including audit, administrative appeals and judicial proceedings. She also has experience in domestic and international tax structuring and planning. Joy is one of the co-authors of the *Homeless Youth Handbook*, a “know your rights” guide for homeless youth. Upon graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, she received the Edwin S. Cohen Tax Prize for her performance in the tax area.

**Cynthia Yung, Executive Director, Boone Family Foundation**



Cynthia Yung has served as executive director of The Boone Family Foundation since 2008. Cynthia also serves on advisory boards for Commit! Partnership Leadership Council, Best in Class, and Raise Your Hand Texas. She is a member of Leadership Dallas 2010 class, The Dallas Assembly and The Dallas Summit. Cynthia is also founding circle chair for the Orchid Giving Circle fund of The Dallas Women’s Foundation. She was recognized by Women’s eNews in 2016 as one of 21 Leaders for the 21st century and by SMU Women’s Symposium in 2017 with a Profiles in Leadership Award.

**Frankie Zuniga, Student Leader, El Centro Community College**



Frankie Zuniga was born in 1995 and raised in the Oak Cliff area. He is the youngest of seven siblings, second to graduate high school, and the first to attend college. Growing up, he was involved as a student in a program called Big Thought. He attended three years as a student, two years as an AmeriCorps, and one year as a Big Thought employee. He is currently attending El Centro College to complete general studies before transferring to the University of North Texas as a junior majoring in Kinesiology. Some of his hobbies consist of going to the gym, hanging out with friends, and watching anime or historical figures.