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## DAVID BAILEY '04, B.B.A.

*Executive Vice President and Senior Lending Officer  
Abilene Region of First Financial Bank  
Eastland, Texas*



### Second Vice Chair

**Board Member: 2019 to present**

### Civic and Volunteer Activities:

**Eastland Community Foundation**

**First United Methodist Church – Former Volunteer Music Director**

David Bailey '04 lives in Eastland, Texas, and is the executive vice president and senior lending officer for the Abilene Region of First Financial Bank. He also serves as chairman and CEO of the Eastland Division of the Bank. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Finance from McMurry University in 2004 and later graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in 2014.

Bailey began his career with First Financial Bank in Abilene as a part-time teller while attending college. Over his 17-year career with the bank, he has worked in multiple regions throughout the company, most recently in Eastland for 12 years before moving to Abilene. In addition to his role as EVP and senior lender, Bailey is also the co-chairman of the company-wide Service Improvement Team, which focuses on improving the overall customer experience and service quality for the entire First Financial organization.

In addition to his career, Bailey has been an active member of the Eastland community, having served on numerous boards in various leadership positions. His true passion, however, is in church music ministry – which is evidenced by his service to the First United Methodist Church of Eastland, where he volunteered as the music ministry director for 11 years.

Bailey and his wife, Ashley, are '04 graduates from McMurry. His parents, one brother, and both sisters-in-law are also McMurry graduates: father, Frank is '78; mother, Shelley '78; brother, Weldon '01; sister-in-law, Leah '02; and sister-in-law, Holly '04.

Bailey and his wife met at McMurry, having both grown up in small West Texas communities and being raised in the United Methodist Church. They have two children: one son, Hudson, and a daughter, Hadley.



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**MIKE BENNETT '65, Ed.D.**

*Retired Educator  
Dallas, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2018 to present**  
**Chair, Trusteeship Committee**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

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



Mike Bennett '65 graduated from Abilene High School in 1961 and from McMurry University in 1965 majoring in English and speech communication.

After McMurry, he earned his master's degree in education and English from Abilene Christian University, followed by his doctorate in education from Texas Tech University with emphasis on curriculum and instruction with minor in English.

Bennett dedicated 52 years to educating students in a variety of capacities. He began his career at Wylie Independent School District in 1965 as a middle school English teacher, coach, bus driver and high school one-act play coach. From 1968-2005, he served in Lubbock Independent School District (LISD), including positions as Mackenzie Junior High assistant principal and principal, LISD director of school public relations, and principal of Monterey High School. In 2005, Bennett became headmaster of All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock. He retired from that position in 2017. He also taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Texas Tech and Wayland Baptist universities.

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

Bennett is married to Sharon Wells Bennett '67. They have three children, Jeff, Mark (deceased), Whitney and six grandchildren. Sharon is retired from Texas Tech University as Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. Seven members of the extended Bennett family hold degrees from McMurry. Sharon's father, Gaston Wells from Dumas, Texas, served on the board at McMurry. Mike's father, Dr. Gordon Bennett, was the seventh president of McMurry.

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**McMURRY HIGHLIGHT**

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**McMurry University is helping to meet the national talent gap in cybersecurity professionals by introducing a new bachelor of science degree in cybersecurity, which will be one of the only online programs at a private university in Texas.**

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**BISHOP W. EARL BLEDSOE, D.MIN.**

*Bishop, United Methodist Church,  
Northwest Texas/New Mexico Episcopal Area  
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

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**Board Member: 2013 to present**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**  
**Southwestern University Board**  
**TMF Board**



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

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

Bishop Bledsoe previously served as president of General Commission on Religion and Race and as GCORR representative on the Connectional Table from 2016 to 2020. He previously served on the General Board of Church and Society from 2008 to 2016 and as chair of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC21) from 2008-2016. He was a jurisdictional member of the Connectional Table, 2004-2008; Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee representative, 2004; and General Conference delegate, 1992-2008. He serves on the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.

Earl is married to Leslie Jean (Bray), and they have six adult children.





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**KATHI EDWARDS, M.A.**

*Retired Chaplain, Hendrick Hospice Care  
United Methodist Deaconess  
Clyde, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2017 to present**

**Chair, Institutional Oversight Committee - Academics**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

**Hendrick Hospice Care – Volunteer Chaplain**

**The Haven Women’s Center – Counselor**

**North Runnels Hospital – Board of Directors**

**Abilene Aggie Mom’s Club – Member and Club Secretary**

**Clyde Economic Development Corporation – Board Member**

**Clyde Boys and Girls Club – Advisory Board Member**



Kathi Edwards grew up in Callahan County and graduated from Clyde High School in 1972. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Texas Tech University in 1975 and later attended Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University where she received a Master of Arts in Christian Service. In 1992, Chaplain Edwards began volunteering with Hospice of Abilene, later to become Hendrick Hospice Care. After 22 years as a volunteer with the organization, she was employed in 2014 as a staff chaplain and retired in 2020. Edwards was consecrated as a United Methodist Deaconess and commissioned by the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in 2014 to serve in hospice ministry. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clyde, Texas, throughout her life.

Edwards and her husband, Murray, also a native of Callahan County have been married for 46 years, they live south of Clyde on their family’s ranch. Both of their fathers are McMurry graduates - Weldon Edwards '40 and C. Lee Smith '78. The couple has three adult children: Rachel Pepper, John-Morris Edwards, and Lincoln Edwards, as well as five grandsons and one granddaughter.

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**REV. RICHARD W. EDWARDS, M.Th.**

*Area Representative, TMF (formerly Texas Methodist Foundation)  
Fort Worth, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2013 to present**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

**Perkins School of Theology Executive Board**

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

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

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

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**McMURRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**McMurry University launched the Community Commitment scholarship, which will offer at minimum half tuition for new undergraduates whose families have chosen careers in service. This meaningful and significant scholarship honors families who have chosen careers in service and is built on the University’s core value of “Service as the measure of life.” Learn more at [communitycommitment.mcm.edu](http://communitycommitment.mcm.edu).**

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**CHARLES (CHUCK) FALLON '85, B.B.A.**

*President and CEO of Englert (ELM)  
Jupiter, Florida*

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**Past Chair**

**Board Member: 2007 to 2016; 2020 to present**

Charles (Chuck) Fallon earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from McMurry University in 1985, and received a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Columbia University in 1987. On September 1, 2021, Fallon assumed the role of president and CEO of Englert based in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Englert is a private, equity-backed company providing home and building solutions. From 2013 to 2021, he was the CEO of FirstService Residential, the largest manager of residential communities in North America operating 8,500 communities with over 2.5 million residents. He served as president of Terminix from 2011 to 2013 and president, North America of Burger King Holdings from 2006 to 2011. Prior to that, he led sales, marketing and revenue management at AvisBudget Group as well as other positions at Cendant Corporation from 1998 to 2006. Over a decade of his career were spent as an investment banker in New York and London.

Fallon previously served on the board of trustees for McMurry and also as board Chair. He is a Distinguished Alumnus recipient and a member of the Athletic Hall of Honor. He is married to Susan and they have three children: Emily, a graduate of Elon University who lives in New York; Rebecca, a graduate of Texas Christian University who lives in Dallas; and Carson, a senior at Vanderbilt University.



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**SHAWN R. HAILEY '07, M.ED.**

*Founder of LineQuest  
Tioga, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2021 to present**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

**McMurry Alumni Board of Directors – President**  
**Permian Basin Running Club Board of Directors – Former President**  
**Gardenale Community Association – Former Council Member**  
**Muscualr Dystrophy Association**  
**Camp Quality USA**  
**Damage Prevention Council of Texas**  
**National Utility Locating Contractors Association**  
**Lake Kiowa Anglers & Conservation Club**  
**American Boer Goat Association**

Shawn Hailey is the co-founder/COO of LineQuest, LLC, a damage prevention company. Through its unique services, LineQuest minimizes the risk of line strikes, producing a safer work environment by using the most modern technology to provide quick, accurate service. In 2016, LineQuest became the first Texas-based company to receive national accreditation (NULCA) for its training program. That same year Hailey was presented the "Future Industry Leader" award, followed by LineQuest being named the Oilfield Services Company of the year in 2018, and the General Industry Service Award in 2019 at the Oil & Gas Awards in Houston. Most recently in 2021, Hailey was named to the Forbes Business Council.

Hailey earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from McMurry in 2008, and completed his Master of Education from Hardin-Simmons University in 2011. In 2018, he was inducted into the McMurry University Athletics Hall of Honor as a member of the 2008 Men's Track & Field Team. He currently holds the McMurry athletic record for the most individual All-Conference honors achieving eight.

Hailey and his wife Dr. Anna M. Hailey, DVM, have one daughter Emery. The family resides on their farm in Tioga, Texas.



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**RUSSELL HALL, B.S.**

*Founder and Owner, Russell K. Hall and Associates  
Midland, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2020 to present**

Russell Hall graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Oklahoma in 1978. After graduation, he moved to Midland, Texas, where he joined Amoco Production working as a production engineer. In 1981, Hall joined the First National of Midland. For 14 years, he evaluated oil and gas properties in the Energy Lending Groups of First National Bank of Midland, Republic Bank of Dallas, and NationsBank.

Hall founded Russell K. Hall and Associates in 1996. He is a recognized expert witness in Texas and New Mexico. He chaired the SPEE Committee on Resource Play Evaluation Guidelines. Russell has received honorary recognition from SPE, SPEE, and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Hall is an active supporter of youth organizations serving the Permian Basin area. He served as scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 160, as chairman of Junior Achievement of Midland, as a Sunday school teacher for adult and youth classes, on the board of Midland Teen Court, as chairman of the Lee High School Band Boosters, and on numerous UMC church committees.

Hall and his wife, Susan, believe they are abundantly blessed and hope to share some of these blessings with others. Susan graduated from University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976 and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1978. She then joined Mobil Oil. Mobil was in her blood as she grew up in a Magnolia (now Mobil) company camp in Duncan, Oklahoma.

They are the parents of: Chris Hall and daughter-in-law Meaghan Evans Hall, graduates of University of Oklahoma; Jennifer Hall Luke, a McMurry University graduate; son-in-law Preston Luke, a McMurry graduate that went to Hardin-Simmons for his master's – and two grandchildren.



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**ELAINE HARMON '95, M.S.**

*Sr. Program Manager, CAE  
Colleyville, Texas*

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**Secretary****Board Member: 2019 to present**

Elaine Harmon '95, is a Sr. Program Manager who leads the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Training and Simulation product line for CAE. She is a recognized leader who grows teams with increasing levels of performance, and has over 25 years of experience in the defense industry.

Harmon began her career as a Software Engineer working for Boeing prior to joining CAE Link Training and Simulation. While at CAE, she has managed multiple engineering teams who develop and integrate large scale HD display and gaming systems with aircraft specific cockpits and avionics. She earned a Master of Science in Software Engineering from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from McMurry University.

The amazing experience Harmon had at McMurry as a student led to her supporting McMurry's Science and Math Advisory Board (SMAB) for 22 years as a member and president and now member of the board of trustees. She also met the love of her life, Brent '96, at McMurry. They live in the DFW metroplex and enjoy golfing and their rescue pets.

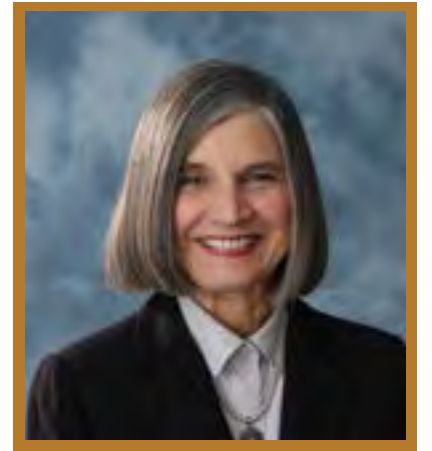


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**SANDRA S. HARPER, PH.D.**

*President, McMurry University  
Abilene, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2013 to present****Civic and Volunteer Activities:****United Methodist University Senate****Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. Board – Chair****Abilene Chamber of Commerce Board****Abilene Industrial Foundation Board****Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation,****Board of Directors – Vice President****Historic Paramount Theater Board of Directors**

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

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

In 2011, Harper was named a Distinguished Alumna by the Texas Tech University College of Education. In 2020, she received the Carol Luthman Meritorious Service Award from the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges. She is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in American Education. Harper has received the Management Excellence Award from the Society for the Advancement of Management, the Y Women in Careers Award from the Corpus Christi YWCA, the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Outstanding Administrator Award from McMurry University, the American Association of University Women Abilene Branch Women of Outstanding Achievement, and the Women of Power and Purpose Award from the Regional Victim Crisis Center.

She is married to Dave Harper, who coached at Abilene High School for nine years and other high schools in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. The couple has two sons, who spent most of their childhood in Abilene. Justin Harper, a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, and with his wife and four children, is stationed at the Joint Armed Warfare School in Norfolk, Virginia. Jonathan Harper works for the City of Commerce, Texas, where he lives with his wife and sons.

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**McMURRY GROWTH**

**In 2021 and 2022, McMurry University will expand its STEM degree programs as part of the "Building STEM Success" initiative. The two new majors include Sustainability and Engineering Physics expanding STEM support for Hispanic students.**



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**JOHN T. HENDRICK '73, B.B.A.**

*Certified Public Accountant  
La Jolla, California*

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**Board Member: 2019 to present**  
**Chair, Campus Oversight Committee**

John T. Hendrick '73, has served since April 2016 as CFO of Delta Energy & Communications, Inc. in Murrieta, California. From July 2001 until he joined Delta Energy, Hendrick was primarily engaged in monitoring his private equity investments.

From July 1996 to December 1999 he was vice chairman and CFO of The Cassidy Companies, Inc., one of the largest government affairs and public affairs firms in Washington, DC. He was also a managing director of Galway Partners, LLC, a Washington, DC-based merchant bank from July 1996 to June 2001. Prior to joining Cassidy and Galway in 1996, Hendrick was a general partner with Avalon Ventures, a San Diego-based venture capital firm, from 1987 to 1996.

In addition, Hendrick co-founded and served on the investment committee of Innova Capital (formerly Poland Partners), a Warsaw-based private equity fund, from April 1994 to May 2012. Hendrick is a CPA and graduated cum laude from McMurry University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.



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**REV. FELICIA P HOPKINS, M. DIV.**

*Abilene District Superintendent  
Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Abilene, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2021 to present**

Originally from Buffalo New York, Rev. Felicia P. Hopkins received her undergraduate degree from Valparaiso University and her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has spent the last 28 years in various leadership roles in ministry as a senior pastor, chaplain and director. Currently, she serves as the district superintendent of the Abilene District, of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Hopkins is also a proud retired army chaplain (Major) having served over 20 years to include a tour overseas in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a trauma chaplain.

Her background includes management experience from corporate America, having worked for the Walmart Distribution Center and Pepsi Cola Company where she specialized in logistic management.

Hopkins has also received numerous awards to include being selected as the El Paso Women of the Year, Abilene Outstanding Women of Achievement and receiving a Meritorious Service Medal for her service in the Army. But, her most prized honor is that of being a mom to her two sons, Douglas Samuel a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas and Adam Glen a proud resident of Disability Resources Incorporated and a graduate of Abilene High School.



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**CARL HUBBARD '68, PH.D.**

*Retired Professor of Finance; Forensic Economist  
San Antonio, Texas*

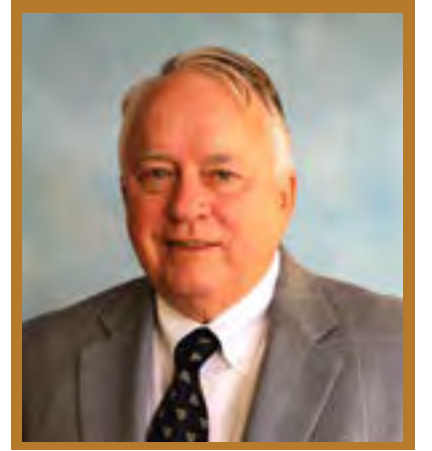
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**Board Member: 2002 to present**

Carl Hubbard '68, graduated from Abilene Cooper High School in 1964. He enrolled in McMurry University, and in 1968, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.

After a 20-month sojourn in the Army, he continued his education by completing a Master of Business Administration at Hardin-Simmons University in 1972 and then a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from Texas Tech University in 1975. In June 1975, he began a 37-year career on the faculty of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where he taught mostly undergraduate courses in business financial management and investment analysis.

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



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**SANDRA MADDOX, PH.D.**

*Retired Educator  
Dallas, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2015 to present**  
**Chair, Trusteeship Committee**

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

Sandra (Sandy) Maddox received both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees from Baylor University and her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of North Texas. She retired in 2014 after over 35 years in K-12 Education.

Maddox was appointed in 2005 as deputy executive director of the Region 10 Education Service Center (ESC), where she had oversight of five major divisions, 435 personnel, and a total budget of over six million dollars annually. Prior to her Region 10 experience, she worked in public education in Waco and other districts. While at Region 10 ESC, Dr. Maddox had extensive state-wide educational responsibilities including state educational projects such as homeless education and dyslexia, including the development of the State Handbook for Dyslexia Education and its accompanying app in 2014.

Maddox is currently a capital investor in residential construction as well as a small business owner of People in Touch, a company specializing in increasing independent opportunities for senior adults to engage in life by going out and re-connecting. She is the mother of five children, two of whom received a degree from McMurry University.





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**DAVID W. OSBORN '83, B.B.A.**

*President and COO, WestStar Bank*

*El Paso, Texas*

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**Treasurer****Board Member: 2018 to present****Chair, Finance Committee****Civic and Volunteer Activities:****Texas Bankers Association – Member and Treasurer****Las Palmas Del Sol Healthcare Board****The Borderplex Alliance Board and Executive Committee****Kids Excel El Paso – Past Chair****The Border Industrial Association****El Paso Chamber of Commerce – Past Chair****Paso del Norte Health Foundation – Past Chair****El Paso County Hospital District– Past Vice Chair**

David W. Osborn '83, is currently the president and COO of WestStar Bank. WestStar Bank is a \$2.5 billion financial institution serving the Borderplex region (El Paso, TX; Las Cruces, NM; and Northern Mexico). Osborn joined WestStar Bank in 2000.

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

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

Osborn is married to Cindy Osborn '86 and they live in El Paso, Texas. They have three adult daughters, Courtney, Catherine and Lindsay, three son-in-laws, Steven, Reese and Ty, and two grandsons, Alex and Ben.



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**ARTHUR (ART) L. PERTILE, III, J.D.**

*Partner, Olson & Olson, L.L.P.*

*Katy, Texas*

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**Board Member: 2019 to present**

Arthur (Art) Pertile '83 earned a Bachelor of Arts from McMurry University before obtaining his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. He has represented governmental entities and public officials exclusively for over 35 years. He began his legal career as an assistant city attorney with the Waco City Attorney's Office and also served as an assistant district attorney with the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston, Texas. He has worked as an assistant city attorney with the City of Houston.

Pertile was appointed city attorney for the City of Waco in February of 1996. In November of 2007 he joined Olson & Olson L.L.P. in Houston. He is an equity partner with Olson & Olson and continues to represent cities, counties, special districts, and public officials across the State of Texas. He currently serves as city attorney for several cities in the Greater Houston area, and as corporate counsel for several special districts, including the Galveston Industrial Development Corporation.

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

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

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



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**McMURRY RECOGNITION**

**In 2020, the McMurry University chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) has been recognized Outstanding Chapter Award from the SPS National Office. This is the second time the chapter has been recognized for its excellence as a top-tier, student-led physical sciences organization, a designation given to fewer than 15 percent of all SPS chapters at colleges and universities in the United States and internationally.**

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**AUSTIN PITTMAN '91, M.H.C.D.S.**

CEO, Blue Norther/Retired Health Care Executive  
Edina, Minnesota

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**Past Chair**

**Board Member: 2008 to present**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

**National 4-H Board**

**American Heart Association's Mid-Atlantic Affiliate – Former Board of Directors**

Austin Pittman '91, co-founder of Blue Norther, thrives on the challenges of solving tough business and societal problems. With more than 25 years of executive leadership in the healthcare industry, this seventh generation Texan is bringing his leadership skills and love of Texas heritage to an exciting new endeavor and family business in the fast-growing hard seltzer industry.

Prior to founding Blue Norther, Pittman was CEO of OptumCare, a UnitedHealth Group company that provides information and technology-enabled health services and care delivery. He was accountable for a \$27 billion business, the largest ambulatory care and physician organization in the U.S. At a pivotal time in the business, he helped to build the largest, most financially successful clinical organization in America. Previously, as CEO of United HealthCare Community & State, Pittman led a \$40 billion enterprise and one of the largest Medicaid platforms in the country. Earlier he held leadership roles as president of United Health Network, chief growth officer of United HealthCare Employer & Individual, and president & CEO of the Carolinas.

In addition to his venture and board experience with Topsail Re, Shared Clarity, Inclusive Health, and MyConnections, he is active in community and philanthropic endeavors. He is the national 4H Board of Trustees, and previously served on the American Heart Association's Mid-Atlantic Affiliate Board of Directors. Pittman holds a Master of Health Care Delivery Science from the Tuck School of Business/Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, a Master of Science in Business & Human Relations at Amberton University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from McMurry University.



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**RICHARD QUY '70, PH.D.**

University Administrator and Professor  
Spicewood, Texas

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**Board Member: 2015 to present**

**Civic and Volunteer Activities:**

**Texas Wesley Foundation Board, Former Trustee**

**Lake Travis UMC Church Council – PPRC Chair**

**Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Reserve (retired)**



Richard (Rick) Quy '70 is a native of Abilene where he was a member of First United Methodist Church and a graduate of Cooper High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from McMurry University in 1972; Master of Arts and doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Rice University, and Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University. Following graduate school in 1979, he joined the Research and Development Department of CONOCO Chemicals (later CONDEA Vista Company) where he served in various research and corporate management positions in the company's polymer, surfactant, and environmental chemical businesses.

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

Rick married McMurry alumna Cindy Pickett '70; they have two children and four grandchildren.

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**McMURRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**In the summer of 2020, McMurry University raised more than \$500,000 in just 60 days in the Stand Together Campaign to support current students whose families has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

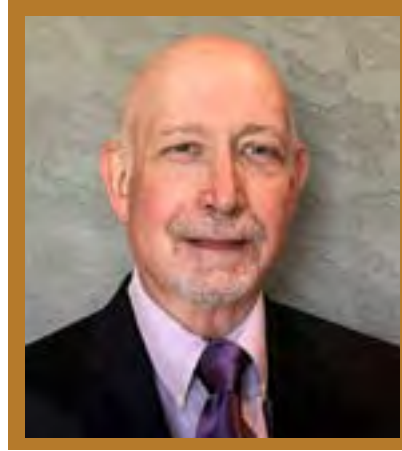


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**JACK REED, B.B.A.**

Retired Business Executive  
Midland, Texas

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**First Vice Chair****Board Member: 2017 to present****Chair, Institutional Oversight Committee – Student Life****Civic and Volunteer Activities:****Trustee for Big Spring District Board of Trustees UMC****Trustee of Butman Camp and Retreat Center for 18 years (retired)**

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

Reed's wife, Jan, is a retired minister of The United Methodist Church, a certified Christian educator and currently serves as the Pastor of Care Ministries at St. Luke's UMC. In addition to their church involvement, Reed and his wife are active in their community. They are the parents of Dr. Peter Reed '96 who is a former McMurry trustee, daughter-in-law Tricia Treat Reed '95, Adam Reed, CPA '00 of Texas Christian University, Tim Reed '18 of University of Texas at Arlington, Amy Reed Hughes '09 and M.S. '10 of Texas Tech and son-in-law Greg Hughes '09 of Texas Tech and six grandchildren. Reed '72 and his wife '71 are both alumni of Texas Tech University.



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**DAVID M. SHOUP '91, B.B.A.**

CEO, Constructors, Inc. and Roswell Ready Mix  
President of GP United Materials  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

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**Board Member: 2012 to 2019; 2021 to present****Civic and Volunteer Activities:****Carlsbad Municipal School Board****Carlsbad Department of Developmental Board****Epworth United Methodist Church Trustee****Carlsbad Rotary Club**

Mr. Shoup earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from McMurry University. He is CEO of Constructors, Inc. and its subsidiaries, and is the president of GP United Materials.

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

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

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**MCMURRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**McMurry increased student enrollment by 4.8% for the Fall 2021 semester with a total of 1,155 enrolled students. The University welcomed its largest freshmen class in nine years as well as a strong transfer class of 129 students.**



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**STEVE SUNDBY '75, M.P.A.**

Retired AT&T Director  
Boerne, Texas

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**Chair, Board of Trustees****Board Member: 2015 to present**

Steve Sundby '75 is a retired AT&T executive having started his career in 1979 as a management trainee. He held numerous positions in Network Planning and Corporate Real Estate where he ultimately managed a portfolio of plant and equipment assets valued in excess of \$5.0B. Sundby was also instrumental in creating a real estate brokerage and development subsidiary for SBC Communications in which he managed diverse assets such as golf courses, hotels and office buildings. In his tenure he oversaw projects and personnel in 18 states and four foreign countries.

Sundby holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from McMurry University, a Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University and has completed additional post graduate work in Engineering Economics at Iowa State University. He has been a Texas Real Estate broker for over 35 years and holds the CCIM board certification.

In addition to his career with AT&T, Sundby has been actively involved in many civic and religious organizations in San Antonio and throughout Texas. He is a member of the McMurry University Board of Trustees and currently serves as chairman of the board. He has been a board member and/or chair of the Central Texas CoreNet Chapter and the San Antonio Downtown Alliance.

Sundby and his wife of 45 years, Bonnie, live on a ranch in the Texas Hill Country where he enjoys working outdoors. They have two sons and one grandchild.



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**KAY YOUNGGREN '02, D.D.S.**

Dentist  
Artesia, New Mexico

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**Board Member: 2017 to present****Chair, Investment Subcommittee****Civic and Volunteer Activities:****Boy Scouts of America – Local Troop****First United Methodist Church of Artesia – Investment Committee****Artesia Downtown Lions Club – Secretary****Artesia Lions Club Board****New Mexico Dental Association****Eastern New Mexico Dental Association – Past President**

Kay Younggren '02 completed her Bachelor of Science from McMurry University and continued study, earning her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M Health Science Center in 2006. She bought a dental practice in 2008 that now has 17 staff members. She has recently built a new facility for the dental practice that was featured in the Sidekick Dental Magazine in 2017.

Younggren has been an active member of the American Dental Association, including serving on the New Mexico Dental Association Board and serving as the Eastern New Mexico Dental Association president. In 2016, she received and completed her fellowship in implantology with the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. She was honored by McMurry in 2011 with the Spirit of McMurry Award.



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**UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS****Ranked #11 in Best Regional Colleges**  
U.S. News & World Report**Ranked #4 in Best Value Schools Regional Colleges West**  
U.S. News & World Report**Ranked #17 in Top Performer on Social Mobility – Regional Colleges West**  
U.S. News & World Report**Ranked #4 in Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Colleges West**  
U.S. News & World Report**Ranked in the Top 10 Best Regional Colleges**  
West by College Consensus**Ranked Among the Most Military**  
Friendly Online College in Texas**Bronze Award Rank for 2021–2022 as a Military Friendly® School**  
MilitaryFriendly.com**Recognized as a College of Distinction in Texas**  
Business, Education and Nursing programs**Recognized #2 on Best Online Christian College**  
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**Degree Programs Recognition****#3 Top Bachelor's Degree Programs in Sociology**  
Study.com**#5 Top Bachelor's Degree Programs in Early Childhood Education**  
Study.com**#5 Top Bachelor's Degree Programs in Christian Studies**  
Study.com

## **CORE VALUES**

**Christian Faith as the foundation of life,  
Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life.**

**Learning as the journey of life.**

**Excellence as the goal of life,  
and Service as the measure of life.**

