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Board Officers:



Brandon White '09

BOARD CHAIR,
(HE/HIM)

Chief Executive Director,
Spark The Journey;
Washington, D.C.

Brandon is the Chief Executive Officer of Spark The Journey, a mentoring organization that prepares low-income high school students for college and continues working with them once they enroll to ensure that they remain on track for stable and successful careers. Before starting at Spark The Journey, Brandon obtained his A.B. in English from Princeton University, an M.A. in Cultural Production from Brandeis University, and his Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Berkeley. It was teaching at a large public university like Berkeley—where many of his most successful students were either the first in their family to attend college or had reached Berkeley by non-traditional paths—that encouraged Brandon to look for ways to support students at an even more systemic level.

He is also a graduate of Princeton AlumniCorps' Emerging Leaders program and a former chair of AlumniCorps' Washington, DC Area Committee.



Alison T. Gray '88

BOARD VICE CHAIR,
(SHE/HER)

Publisher, Retired;
San Francisco, CA

A resident of the San Francisco Bay Area since 1988, Alison retired in 2023 after a career in fund raising for community benefit organizations. She raised money for a major university medical center's cancer center, several hospitals and arts organizations, and even a zoo. Her final stint was as publisher (and owner) of a local weekly newspaper that covers the Tiburon Peninsula. In 2023, she gifted the newspaper to its executive editor and its former business director, now its publisher. A graduate of Princeton University, Alison received her master's degree in liberal arts from Stanford University in 2022. She is devoted to her niece and nephews.

Board Officers:



Arthur McKee '90

BOARD SECRETARY,
(HE/HIM)

Director of
Programmatic Benchmarking
National Council of Examiners
for Engineering and Surveying;
Washington, D.C.

Arthur McKee is the Director of Programmatic Benchmarking at the National Center on Education and the Economy. He recently launched a two year project to investigate assessment and accountability in education systems around the world. Previously, Arthur led philanthropic efforts in the nation's capital to strengthen early childhood education, build out high-impact tutoring for students, and transform the teaching profession. Arthur also led the first ever effort to evaluate the country's college and university based teacher preparation programs while at the National Council on Teacher Quality. Arthur earned his Ph.D. in Russian history from U.C. Berkeley in 1997 and his A.B. in history from Princeton in 1990. He lives with his wife in Chevy Chase, MD.



Scott F. Taylor '75

BOARD TREASURER,
(HE/HIM)

Retired Partner,
Mansions Partners LP;
New York, NY

Scott Taylor graduated from Princeton in 1975 with an economics degree. He also holds an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School. Scott currently manages a personal family foundation. Previously, he was in institutional sales with Citigroup Asset Management, Bear, Stearns & Co., and Morgan Stanley & Co., and was a Financial Analyst with General Motors Corp. Scott is an active interviewer with Princeton's Alumni Schools Committee in the Bronx, NY and he is our AlumniCorps Treasurer, he was also a Co-Chair of AlumniCorps' Campaign for Our Future, the organization's five-year capital campaign. Scott is also a regular volunteer interviewer of Project 55 Fellowship applicants. He and his wife, Courtney Finch Taylor, Wellesley '79, live in New York where she, of course, favors black, while he often adds, much to her chagrin, some orange.

Board Directors:



Janel Callon '87

(SHE/HER)

CEO, Ichigo Foundation;
Brooklyn, NY

Janel is the co-founder and CEO of the Ichigo Foundation, a small foundation that focuses on college access and success for people from under-resourced communities. She lived in Japan for 26 years, and moved to Brooklyn in 2020 to begin running the foundation. While in Japan she received a masters degree in school counseling and worked for five years as a counselor at an international high school and as a part-time college advisor at a number of Japanese high schools. Janel has four adult children and lives in Brooklyn, NY.



Charles S. 'Steve'
Dawson '70

(HE/HIM)

President and CEO,
Princeton Diversity
Partners, LLC;
Mercerville, NJ

Steve is the President and CEO of Princeton Diversity Partners LLC, Co-Founder and Entrepreneur of the Artificial Intelligence Company, and the former Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the state of New Jersey. During his four years in that role he was responsible for New Jersey's large and diverse information technology infrastructure, application development and maintenance, web services, network, data centers, telecommunications, geographic information systems, and information security. Dawson also served as the Chairman of the New Jersey 9-1-1 Commission and a member of the New Jersey Homeland Security Task Force. He served as a Board Member of the GeoSpatial One Stop Presidential E-Government National Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Initiative.

He is the Chief Strategy Officer for STEAM Works Studio. Dawson serves as the Chief Technology Officer of SMART (Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow), a four-state organization including NJ, PA, DE, and MD. He is also a former board member of Silicon Harlem. Dawson earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science at Princeton University and a Masters in Education from Rutgers University. He served as Treasurer of the Alumni Council of Princeton University and as President of the Association of Black Princeton Alumni.

Board Directors:



Ricardo Deleon '80

(HE/HIM)

Chief Financial Officer (CFO),
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation;
Lansdowne, VA

Ricardo graduated from Princeton in 1986 with a degree in Biology. After Princeton, Ricardo taught high school for two years before enrolling at Washington University, St. Louis, in 1988, from which he received his MBA in 1990. Ricardo began his career with Procter & Gamble (P&G) in Cincinnati, OH, and retired from P&G in 2016 after over 25 years of service. Post-retirement Ricardo has focused his efforts at nonprofits. He is currently the CFO of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, after similar roles at the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Ricardo is a former President of the Association of Princeton Latino Alumni (ALPA) and has held multiple roles within the Princeton University Alumni Council. Among Ricardo's most memorable community efforts are being a Founder and former President of the Su Casa Hispanic Center in Cincinnati, and as President of ALPA where he co-chaired the University's Adelante' Conference, bringing back ~400 Latino alumni to the University. Ricardo currently lives in Montclair, VA.



Mark Goldstein '18

(HE/HIM)

San Francisco
Public Defender's Office
Stanford Law School
Public Interest Fellow;
San Francisco, CA

Mark Goldstein grew up in Boston and graduated from Princeton in 2018. He was a Project 55 Fellow at Philanthropy U, a nonprofit education technology organization based in Oakland, California. After a second year there, he worked for the Wisconsin Democratic Party as a Field Organizer during the 2020 campaign. He then attended Stanford Law School, graduating in 2024. He was awarded a Stanford Law School Public Interest Fellowship for the 2025 year to work at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

After a brief stint on the Harris campaign in Pennsylvania in 2024, Mark began his fellowship year at the Public Defender's Office, where he works as a trial lawyer in the Misdemeanor Unit, representing clients who cannot afford a private lawyer in criminal cases. Mark has remained engaged with the Project 55 program since joining as a fellow in 2018. He has served on the San Francisco Area Committee since 2019, working to support cohorts of fellows through their fellowship years and beyond. Mark lives in San Francisco.

Board Directors:



Bill Jordan '95

(HE/HIM)

Chief Financial Officer (CFO),
National Real Estate Advisors;
Washington, D.C.

Bill is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for National Real Estate Advisors. At Princeton University, he majored in the School of Public and International Affairs and earned Program Certificates in American Studies and Afro-American Studies. Growing up near East St. Louis, IL inspired Bill's passion for community development, financial literacy, and community service. After graduating, Bill accepted a Project 55 Fellowship and moved to the South Side of Chicago to direct the Ariel Foundation's daily tutoring/mentoring program for 40 teenagers. Bill extended his Fellowship for three additional years prior to earning his MBA from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

For 22 years, Bill worked for Wells Fargo Commercial Real Estate in New York, NY and Washington, DC. While ascending from Summer Intern to Managing Director, Bill financed commercial real estate projects of all property types in urban locations across the country. Additionally, Bill Chaired Wells Fargo Commercial Real Estate's Development and Engagement Council from 2016-2021.

Bill resides in Arlington, VA, and has volunteered in various capacities with Princeton AlumniCorps including serving on the Board of Directors from 2002-2008 and 2021-present. Additionally, Bill serves on the Advisory Council for the DC JazzFest.

Board Directors:



Elliott Lee '74, *86,
p'08
(HE/HIM)

Retired Executive Director,
Housing and Neighborhood
Development Services, Inc.;
Orange, NJ

Elliott is the Retired Executive Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, Inc. (HANDS), a 39-year-old community development corporation based in Orange, NJ. Elliott served as the Chair of the Board of HANDS for four years before coming out of retirement to assume the staff position. During his four years as Executive Director, Elliott hosted a Project 55 Fellow, hiring her as a program manager at the conclusion of the Fellowship year. Elliott's career included nearly 34 years working in private and corporate philanthropy and in other social sector endeavors. From 2008 to 2015, Elliott was a Vice President at JPMorgan Chase, where he was a member of the Global Philanthropy team. During his tenure, he helped launch and develop Community School initiatives in Orange and in Paterson, NJ.

Before joining JPMorgan Chase, Elliott was a Program Director at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and before that a Senior Program Officer at the Victoria Foundation. Elliott holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Princeton and was a Bagehot Fellow in Business and Economics Journalism at Columbia University. He has held governance positions in numerous national, regional, and local social sector organizations, including a previous term on the Board of Princeton AlumniCorps. His daughter, Andrea '08, served as a Project 55 Fellow after her graduation.



Aria Miles '14
(SHE/HER)

Project Manager,
Maryland State Innovation;
Baltimore, MD

Aria Miles is passionate about guiding teams and organizations as they identify, develop, execute, and assess strategies and initiatives aimed at helping communities thrive. She currently does this as a Project Manager on the Maryland State Innovation Team. Prior to her consulting role, Aria was a Senior Consultant at UPD Consulting in Baltimore, MD; the Director of Research and Public Policy at Momentum Nonprofit Partners (now Tennessee Nonprofit Network) in Memphis, TN; and the Operations Coordinator at Center City Public Charter Schools in Washington, DC. Aria is a Project 55 alum and served on the organization's Strategic Planning Task Force.

She holds a B.S.E. in Operations Research and Financial Engineering from Princeton University and a Master in Public Policy with a Certificate in Management, Leadership, and Decision Sciences from Harvard Kennedy School. Aria lives in Baltimore, MD, where she enjoys trying new restaurants and shops, meeting fellow Baltimoreans, and going on walks.

Board Directors:



Elizabeth Perriello

Rice '90

(SHE/HER)

Senior Program Officer,
France-Merrick Foundation;
Baltimore, MD

Elizabeth served in the inaugural class of Project 55 Fellows with just three Fellows in Chicago. Her Fellowship with Jane Addams Hull House also included a mini internship at the Wieboldt Foundation, which led to a career in philanthropy. Elizabeth currently serves as a Senior Program Officer with the France-Merrick Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, which provides approximately \$10 million in grants to nonprofits annually. Her portfolio is broad, though she has a focus on climate change and working with the next generation of family members.

In addition to board service, Elizabeth is currently serving as the chair of the 35th Anniversary celebration year for AlumniCorps. She previously served on the AlumniCorps Board from 2001–2003, chaired the AlumniCorps Board Restructuring Committee in 2012 and more recently in 2022 (which assisted with the transition from many of the original Class of 1955 members), and helped develop an Alumni Studies course co-sponsored by AlumniCorps in 2001–2002.

Her additional civic involvement has included serving as the Advisory Board Chair of Camp Seafarer and Camp Sea Gull in North Carolina (2011–2015), and serving on the St. David's Church Vestry, where she has recently facilitated Sacred Ground: A Journey Through Race and Faith, developed by fellow PAC alum Katrina Browne '89. Elizabeth earned her A.B. in Religion with a certificate in African American Studies from Princeton in 1990. She lives in Baltimore, MD with her husband Ken '89 and has three adult children.

Board Directors:



Jessica Johnson Webb '98

(SHE/HER)

Content Writer
Tennessee Institute for
Gambling Education & Research
at the University of Memphis;
Memphis, TN

Jessica Johnson Webb '98 is the Content Writer for the Tennessee Institute for Gambling Education & Research at the University of Memphis. She has worked in teaching, instructional coaching, educational research, and fundraising. Her favorite roles involve connecting people to each other and to knowledge and resources that can help them in their work and their daily lives. Jessica lives in her hometown of Memphis, where she serves on the board of Ballet Memphis and is a volunteer for the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.



Madeleine 'Maddy'
Woodle '13

(SHE/HER)

Communications Manager,
Common Group;
San Francisco, CA

Maddy Woodle (she/her) loved Project 55 so much that she did two fellowships in Chicago: one at the Illinois State Board of Education (2013-14), and another at LISC's New Markets Support Company, where she stayed on for 2.5 additional years (2014-17). She later served as Chair of the Chicago Area Committee and on the Board Nominating Committee. She credits Princeton AlumniCorps for kick starting her career in the nonprofit sector, introducing her to civic-minded alumni, and smoothing the transition from college to a new job in an unfamiliar city.

Maddy currently works at Common Group, a social impact consulting firm advancing innovative solutions at the intersection of workforce development, education, and employer practice change. She has a background in communications, previously working for nonprofit community development financial institutions and in politics.

From supporting childcare providers in Arizona to managing a state house race in Oregon, she has helped organizations and candidates better communicate with clients and constituents. Maddy graduated from Princeton in 2013 with a degree in Politics and a certificate in African Studies. She lives in Richmond, VA with her husband.

AlumniCorps Staff:

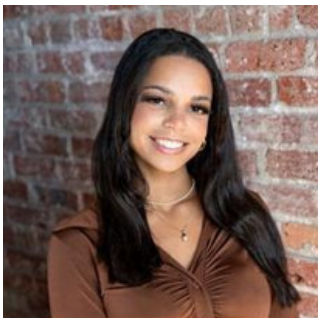


Kimme Carlos
(SHE/HER)

Executive Director

Kimme joined Princeton AlumniCorps in 2016 and was appointed Executive Director in 2023. Her previous role was Director of Operations and Strategy. Kimme is also a certified health and wellness coach with the Institute for Integrative Nutrition; a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aid and author of the published book *The Window of Grace: Living in Recovery through Christian Faith*. As an advocate with lived experience, Kimme keynotes and facilitates on mental and emotional wellness, dismantling racism and the power of self-care.

Kimme has been a member of several nonprofit boards including Foundation Academies, Children's Futures, and The Center for Family, Community, and Social Justice; and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mercer County. She is a graduate of Regent University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a minor in Psychology. She has received numerous awards for her nonprofit and volunteer work, including the YWCA Princeton 2020 Tribute to Women Award. Kimme is the proud daughter of Dr. John W. Carlos, 1968 Olympian and civil rights activist. Kimme has two children, six grandchildren and lives in Pennsylvania.



Laissa Gibson
(SHE/HER)

Program Coordinator,
Fellowship Engagement and
Development

Laissa Gibson joined the Princeton AlumniCorps team in July 2023 as Program Coordinator for Fellowship Engagement & Development. She is a New Jersey native and currently resides in her hometown at the Jersey Shore. Laissa earned her B.A. from The College of New Jersey in 2021 where she majored in International Studies.

Following graduation, Laissa served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member with the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance as Internship Program Liaison where she developed and implemented a statewide YMCA internship program for college students. Laissa is passionate about environmental protection and makes a concerted effort to be a conscious consumer. She loves coffee, animals, thrifting, and Taylor Swift.

AlumniCorps Staff:



Mateusz Pitrus

(HE/HIM)

Manager of Operations
and Administration

Mateusz “Matt” Pitrus recently joined the Princeton AlumniCorps team in the Fall of 2024 as the organization's Senior Office Administrator and was promoted to Manager of Operations and Administration in the Summer of 2025. Matt was born in Poland but raised in Central Jersey, where he still currently resides. Matt received his B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in 2010 and returned to earn his Master's in Public Policy in 2014.

Matt brings with him a variety of experience across non-profit and private sectors including but not limited to, non-profit program coordination, grant/proposal writing, grant program delivery, office administration, and project management. In his free time, Matt enjoys numerous hobbies including strength training, boxing/MMA, hiking, tennis, video gaming, Marvel and DC media, and improving his mechanical and home improvement skills in his spare time.



Tim Schmidt

(HE/HIM)

Director,
Programs and Strategy

Tim Schmidt is the Director of Programs and Strategy at Princeton AlumniCorps. He collaborates with dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers to support and strengthen AlumniCorps' programs. His work allows him to practice one of his core beliefs: bring out the best in leaders so they can bring out the best in those they serve.

A South Jersey native, Tim earned his B.A. in Political Science and Pre-Law, with a Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, from Stockton University. He dedicated two years of national service with AmeriCorps at City Year, mentoring and tutoring students in North Philadelphia before joining their staff. As an Impact Manager, Tim led multiple teams of AmeriCorps members in their civic leadership development; while working alongside school district staff and community members to enrich the educational experiences of thousands of Philadelphia students throughout their K-12 journey.

Tim holds an M.S. in Nonprofit/NGO Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. He continues to call Philadelphia home, where he enjoys the city's vibrant parks, culture, and community with his beloved dog, Ozzie.

AlumniCorps Staff:



Mary Simms
(SHE/HER)

Director,
Development and Strategy

Mary Simms is the Director of Development & Strategy at Princeton AlumniCorps. She works closely with staff, volunteers, and supporters to advance the organization's mission through bold fundraising and strategic initiatives. Her work is grounded in a core belief: that generosity, when rooted in trust and shared purpose, can drive lasting change.

Originally from the Midwest, Mary earned her B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University. She began her career in public service as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Wood River Community YMCA in Ketchum, Idaho, where she fell in love with mountain life and the power of local community. She has led diverse fundraising efforts, including a \$10 million capital campaign, and built development programs that center donor relationships, exceed goals, and sustain mission-driven work. Mary also brings experience managing grant portfolios, guiding CRM transitions, and executing multi-channel campaigns. Her writing on food insecurity in Blaine County, Idaho, was featured in [Forbes](#) under the title [Crisis in Paradise](#).

Now based in New Jersey, Mary lives on Long Beach Island with her fiancé and their dog, Lucille.



Serena Williams
(SHE/HER)

Graphic Design
and Communications
Coordinator

Serena joined Princeton AlumniCorps in Fall 2022 as the Graphic Design and Communications Coordinator. She brings several years of experience in photography, illustration, and web design, and earned her B.A. in Graphic Design from La Sierra University.

Before AlumniCorps, Serena interned with BKR, a reusable glass water bottle company, and worked with multiple nonprofit organizations, including Restoration Plaza, a cultural community center and theater where she led graphic design initiatives.

Her photography has been featured in galleries such as NYC Salt and Brandstater Gallery, as well as at private events. Serena combines her design expertise with her communications background, believing that strong visuals are a powerful way to tell an organization's story and mission.



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