J. David Carson – Chair
(2000-2016)
Dave Carson is originally from Chicago and presently lives in Northville, Michigan (west suburb of Detroit). Dave was a member of the senior global finance executive team at Ford Motor Company when he retired in January 2007; during his 33-year career he was based both in Detroit and in Europe. Since retiring, he has been an advisor to several companies.

Dave graduated from Coe in 1972, majoring in economics and business administration, and earned an MBA from the University of Iowa. Prior to joining Ford, he taught at Coe for two years. He has been a member of the Coe Board of Trustees since 2000.

He and his wife, Mary (Bridenstine) Carson ’73, have an adult son and daughter. Dave loves golf, reading and traveling.

Ken Golder – Vice Chair
(2007-2016)
Ken Golder, originally from Winnetka, Illinois, is a “semi-retired” Real Estate Investor and Hotelier. He graduated from Coe in 1982 with an interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree in communication techniques.

Ken has almost 30 years of experience in the hotel industry and has held various positions with Americana, Registry, Holiday Inn Corporation and Promus Hotels (Embassy Suites). He is a Certified Hospitality Marketing Executive (CHME), past Board Member of the St. Paul Convention & Visitors Authority, and former President of the Minnesota Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association.

Since 2000, Ken has acquired and manages a variety of hotel properties including: Holiday Inn – St. Paul Downtown; Hampton Inn West – Wichita, Kansas; and Holiday Inn Express – Deerfield, Illinois.

He and his wife, Sue (Roe) Golder ’82, have lived in Apple Valley, Minnesota since 1986. They have a son (23) and two daughters (21, 17). Ken is an avid golfer and enjoys cooking and fishing.

Lori Sturdevant – Second Vice Chair
(1978-2017)
Lori Sturdevant is a Minnesota journalist and author and a member of Coe’s class of 1974. She’s an editorial writer and columnist for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the author, co-author or editor of nine books, most recently “Citizen Swain: Tales from a Minnesota Life” (University of Minnesota Press, 2015).

A native of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Lori first came to Coe in 1970 to attend a National Science Foundation summer program for high school students from small towns. She returned the next year to take advantage of the opportunity Coe offered to design her own interdisciplinary major, science journalism. She is an advocate for the interdisciplinary, individualized approach to the liberal arts that remains Coe’s hallmark.

Lori lives in Minneapolis. She is the wife of Martin Vos and the mother of three adult children, among them Ted Carroll, Coe class of 2006. She has been a member of Coe’s Board of Trustees since 1980.
TOM ELLIS – SECRETARY
(2012-2015)
Tom Ellis earned his bachelor’s degree from Coe in 1979, majoring in business administration. He graduated cum laude as a Baker Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Tom went on to earn his Master of Science degree in international business and marketing from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1982. His father, Robert Ellis, graduated from Coe in 1954.

Most recently, Tom served as President of Marshall & Ilsley Bank, with $60 billion in assets, and Executive Vice President of Marshall & Ilsley Corporation where he worked for 23 years. After the sale of the bank in July 2011, he remains as a consultant with the Bank of Montreal.

Tom has been active in the Milwaukee community and involved in a number of non-profit organizations. He and his wife of 26 years, Maureen Beaman, have two adult sons and reside in Milwaukee. The couple enjoys learning, travel and outdoor activities.

PAUL MEYER – TREASURER
(2010-2016)
Paul Meyer grew up in Springfield, Missouri. He graduated from Coe in 1974, where he was a George F. Baker Scholar with a double major in economics and business administration. After graduating from Coe, Paul earned a J.D. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School and an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1978.

After graduating from law school, Paul joined Rogers & Wells in New York City as an associate and became a partner in the Corporate Department in 1986. Rogers & Wells merged into Clifford Chance LLP in 2000, where Paul was a partner heading the Americas Insurance Transactional and Regulatory Group until his retirement in April of 2013. Paul's practice involved insurance industry public and private mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations, financings, securities offerings, joint ventures, reinsurance agreements and regulatory matters. He is the author of “Investments by Insurers” and “Holding Companies: Controlled Insurers” in the New York Insurance Law treatise published by Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. Paul also serves on several Boards of not-for-profit organizations.

Paul and Deborah, his wife of 37 years, live in Chappaqua, New York. They have three adult children, Dr. Laura Meyer Carey, Steve Meyer and Catherine Meyer, and one grandson.

Paul believes that Coe is special because it provides not only a first-rate academic experience, but also a closely knit community in which students are encouraged to actively participate in a variety of aspects of campus life. This produces graduates who are well rounded and prepared to successfully pursue their life's work while serving as a positive force in their communities. In addition, Coe is special because its scholarly, enthusiastic and devoted professors work closely with students as mentors guiding and encouraging them to explore their interests and realize their potential.
Wale Adeosun, CFA
(2015-2018)

Wale Adeosun, Coe class of 1984, is originally from Lagos, Nigeria, and currently resides in New York City with his wife Yvette (Hill) Adeosun ’84 and their three sons. Wale earned a double major in economics and business administration with minors in art history and computer science. After graduating from Coe, Wale earned an MBA with concentration in finance from Washington University in St. Louis.

Wale is the founder and Chief Investment Officer of Kuramo Capital Management with offices in New York City, Lagos, Nigeria and Nairobi, Kenya. Kuramo Capital provides U.S. endowments, foundations and pension plans access to the tremendous sub-Saharan Africa growth opportunity.

Wale was recently appointed by U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, along with 15 private sector leaders, to President Obama's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC-DBIA). Until recently, Wale was the Chair of the Investment Advisory Committee of the $180 billion New York State Common Retirement Fund. He is a member of the U.S. Eximbank’s Sub-Saharan Africa Board Committee and President of the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation in New York City.

Wale has almost 30 years of experience in global institutional investment management. Prior to founding Kuramo Capital, he was Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), where he oversaw $1 billion in endowment and pension assets. He also served as managing director in the Investments Group of the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago, where he managed $2 billion in public equities and hedge fund assets.

In 2008, Wale was inducted by the New York Chapter of the National Association of Security Professionals into its Wall Street Hall of Fame. He was designated a Chartered Financial Analyst by the CFA Institute, of which he is also a member, in 1995.
ROBERT DARRYL BANKS, O.B.E.  
(1978-2017)

Darryl Banks, a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Coe in 1972, majoring in chemistry. He was elected a Rhodes Scholar with D.Phil. Studies in Biophysics at Oxford University. His professional career has included work as a biophysicist, energy and sustainability expert. Currently, Darryl is the owner of RDB Consulting, an energy and environmental sustainability firm.

From 1983 until 1992, Darryl served as Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Quality at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He then became Senior Fellow and Program Director for Technology at the World Resources Institute until 1998. Since then, he has served as Vice President and Senior Consultant at CH2M Hill in the Management Systems Practice, a Fellow at Noblis, Inc., and most recently as the Deputy State Director for Conservation Strategies and External Affairs for The Nature Conservancy in New York State.

In 2008, Darryl was awarded an O.B.E. (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. His interests are 20th century military history, politics, and especially, sustainable technology policy. Darryl is an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan. Darryl’s wife, Margery Baker, is a lawyer and serves as Executive Vice President at People for the American Way. They have three children: Adam, a lawyer; David, an engineer and an Olympic rower; and Lauren, a M.D./Ph.D. student. The Banks reside in Potomac, Maryland.

In thinking about what makes the college special, Darryl noted, “Coe has created a nurturing and supportive environment where there is a passion for scholarship; a devotion to teaching; and, a focus on empowering students to be active, informed, and productive individuals in our diverse society of the 21st century.”

KIM BENJAMIN  
(2012-2015)

Kim Benjamin was born in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, CA. The family moved to the San Fernando Valley where Kim attended public schools until his high school in 1971 wherein he attended Coe College from 1971 to 1975. While at Coe he was Student Body President in 1973 and played on Coe’s tennis team. Kim has worked in the health care, oil and gas, and real estate industries and in 1989 formed his own real estate company. In his spare time he volunteers with several community organizations including the Chinatown Business Improvement District (BID) and the Historic and Cultural Neighborhood Council (HCNC). Kim is married and lives in the south bay area of Los Angeles.
Peter M. Birkey, CFA
(2011-2017)

Peter Birkey grew up in Montevideo, Minnesota, before going on to Coe and majoring in business administration and economics. An internship at AEGON in Cedar Rapids gave him his start investing for insurance companies. While at AEGON, he flew to the University of Chicago on weekends in order to earn an MBA in finance and marketing. Starting in 1996, he worked at AmerUs Life in Des Moines, where he eventually headed the Investment Department. Peter worked from 2004-2013 in Boston at Liberty Mutual as the Executive Vice President of Public Markets and Strategy. Currently, he sits on a number of different boards and does consulting work.

Peter has three girls (ages 14 and twins who are 10) and enjoys coaching their sports and living in northern Minnesota.

Steve Caves
(1994-2016)

Steve Caves, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, is a Divisional President for U.S. Bank and resides in Cedar Rapids. He earned his BBA degree from the University of Iowa in 1975, majoring in finance, financial economics, and marketing. He has been in banking for 40 years and has enjoyed participating in the evolution of banking that took him from being part of a local bank to what is now the fifth largest bank in the country.

Steve is active on many community boards including St. Luke’s Hospital and the Kirkwood Community College Foundation.

Steve and his wife, Suzanne, have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Bob Chiusano
(2004-2016)

Bob Chiusano, a native of Schenectady, New York, is a retired Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Rockwell-Collins, Inc., where he served in multiple leadership roles spanning his 30-year career there.

Bob proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged just prior to continuing his education in 1974. Bob received his A.A.S. degree in technology from Hudson Valley Community College, his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the State University of New York, and an MBA from the University of Iowa.

Bob is currently the owner of RMC Consultancy, an LLC focused on leadership development and operational excellence. Bob recently published a book on career development titled “Mediocrity is Not an Option.” He also serves on several corporate boards as an independent director, as well as holding positions on the boards of organizations in the non-profit sector. Bob and his wife, Joanne, have a son and daughter, both living in southern California. Bob is a recreational farmer, an avid bow hunter, collector of fine wines, and enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends.
Nicole Claussen

Nikki Claussen is a 1995 graduate of Coe. She graduated magna cum laude with degrees in English, philosophy and speech communications. She was honored as a Richter Scholar and received awards as outstanding pre-law student and outstanding philosophy student upon graduation. She was also a three-time track and field All-American during her tenure at Coe, and received national volleyball rankings there as well.

After graduating from Coe, Nikki received her law degree from the University of Iowa and practiced a number of years before “retiring” to stay home and raise her three children.

Nikki and her husband, Abe, remain close to the Coe community while residing in Anamosa, Iowa. Nikki serves on a number of local volunteer boards and is proud to consider Coe her first “home away from home.”

Jack B. Evans
(Life Trustee serving since 1978)

Jack Evans is President of The Hall-Perrine Foundation, a private philanthropic corporation in Cedar Rapids. Prior to joining the foundation in January of 1996, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of SCI Financial Group, starting with the regional financial services company in 1972.

Jack earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Coe in 1970 and his MBA from the University of Iowa in 1972. Currently, he sits on the board of directors of Sourcemedia Group, Nuveen Mutual Funds and Priority One. Jack is a past member of the Board of Regents for the State of Iowa and Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Fire Group.

He is past Chairman and Life Trustee of Coe College, the Iowa College Foundation, the Metropolitan Library Foundation, and the United Way of East Central Iowa.


Jack and his wife, Nancy (Hamblin) Evans ’71, live in Cedar Rapids and have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandsons.

Sam Freitag
(2013-2016)

Sam Freitag, originally from Sumner, Iowa, graduated from Coe College in 1978, earning a bachelor’s degree with majors in economics and business administration. While at Coe, Sam was named a George Baker Scholar. He went on to receive an MBA in finance from the University of Iowa.

Sam has extensive experience in public offerings of equity, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, private placements of debt and equity, leveraged buyouts and providing strategic advisory services. He served as Vice Chairman, Director of Investment Banking of George K. Baum & Company and oversaw all corporate investment banking activities from 1993 to 1997. Sam also served as Senior Managing Director of George K. Baum Capital Partners, L.P. from 1997 to 2003. He has been an Independent Director of Ballantyne Strong, Inc., Lansing Trade Group, LLC and MarketSphere Consulting. Since 2004, Sam has been a member of several boards of directors and an Independent Private Investor.
**Christine Kaufmann Galloway**  
*(2015-2018)*

Chris Galloway graduated from Coe in 1973 with a major in psychology. She served as Director of Admissions at Coe before moving to the Chicago area where she completed her MBA at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1985. Chris entered the financial services industry shortly thereafter working with Harris Bank in Chicago before moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1993. She retired as President and CEO of Okabena Company in December of 2014 after 21 years of service to a multi-generational family of wealth. Her responsibilities included the delivery of fully integrated financial, tax, investment management, and fiduciary services.

Chris and her husband, Jon ’72, divide their time between Tucson, Arizona and Chicago, Illinois. She is now active as an independent director serving private companies and non-profit organizations. Chris and Jon have one son who is attending Washington University Law School.

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**David Gehring**  
*(2005-2017)*

David Gehring ’89 is a native of Rochelle, Illinois. He is married to Susan (Koenig) Gehring, ’89, whom he met at Coe Freshman Orientation and dated for nine years before getting married. While at Coe, David majored in chemistry, general science and English, with a minor in biology. He went on to earn his D.D.S. from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1993 and his master’s degree and Certificate in Orthodontics in 1995, also at Iowa. He then established Gehring Orthodontics in Cedar Rapids.

David and Susan reside in Toddville, Iowa, and have three children: Calvin, Caroline and Evelyn. In addition to maintaining his busy practice, David enjoys an activity-filled family life and serves on several non-profit boards in Cedar Rapids. When he has time for his hobbies he enjoys waterskiing and snowboarding, and he is an instrument-rated private pilot.

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**John R. Girotto**  
*(Life Trustee serving since 1993)*

John Girotto grew up in Kansas and attended Kansas University, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He earned an MBA from the University of Iowa in 1966.

John is a retired executive of Rockwell International, a diversified group of companies. He began his professional career in 1960 as a summer engineer with the Collins Radio Company. He subsequently served in engineering and management positions, most notably as the Director of Commercial Avionics Engineering and Vice-President and General Manager of the Collins Air Transport Division. In 1990, John was appointed President of Collins Commercial Avionics and Senior Vice-President of Rockwell International, retiring from that position in 1998. John continues to serve on various non-profit and corporate boards and several start-up companies.

John and Janetha, his wife of 55 years, are the proud parents of two sons, Dr. John Girotto in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Jay Girotto in Seattle, Washington. John and Janetha travel coast-to-coast to keep up with their four grandchildren. They are avid Kansas basketball fans and enthusiastic members of their adoptive Coe College community.
**Tony Golobic**
*(1998-2017)*

Tony Golobic was born in Slovenia and immigrated to the United States in 1962. He serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation, a national commercial equipment finance company.

Tony previously served as General Manager of GE Capital Office Technology Financial Services, President and CEO of LeaseAmerica Corporation, and Senior Vice President of Mellon Financial Services. Tony earned his BSBA degree in Accounting from Roosevelt University in 1969 and an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1971. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

In addition to being a member of the Coe College Board of Trustees, Tony serves on the Board of Trustees for Mercy Medical Center. He also serves on the Board of Directors of CRST International, Inc., Orchestra Iowa, and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. In the past, Tony has been a member of the following boards of directors: Equipment Leasing Association of America, Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation, Village Bank and Trust Company, Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival, and Eastern Iowa Enterprise Council. Tony is a veteran of the U.S. Army with service in Vietnam.

**Dennis Greenspon**
*(2013-2016)*

Dennis Greenspon grew up in Chicago and has lived in Highland Park, Illinois for 30 years. After graduating from Coe in 1968 with majors in business administration and economics, Dennis served four years in the U.S. Navy, and then returned to Chicago.

For the past 40 years, Dennis and his brother have owned and operated their business – LDR Industries. LDR imports and distributes plumbing, kitchen and bath products. Somewhere along the line Dennis forgot to retire and he is still very active in the management of his company.

Dennis spends a good part of the year in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, where he also has a vacation rental business. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married since 1982. They have two grown children, two grandchildren, one cat and two dogs.

Dennis views the liberal arts education and the on-campus residential experience he received at Coe as integral to whatever success he has had in life.

**Gene M. Henderson**
*(1997-2016)*

Gene Henderson, a native of Monona, Iowa, is a retired corporate executive. During his professional career, he served as CEO of Idine Rewards Network in Miami and Dimac Marketing Corporation in St. Louis. In addition, he spent 20 years with Epsilon Data Management in Boston. At Epsilon, he was President of the Fundraising and Membership Services subsidiary and ultimately, COO of the Corporation, which during his tenure was acquired by American Express.

Gene was biology major at Coe, earned an MBA at the University of Chicago, spent 14 months with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam and currently serves on several corporate and non-profit boards. He and his wife, Glenda, have one son who lives with his wife and their three young children in Lake Forest, Illinois. The Hendersons have homes in Clayton, Missouri (St. Louis area) and Miami Beach. Gene is an avid golfer and a live music enthusiast.
**Kent Herink**  
(2005-2017)

Kent Herink is a Patent Attorney for the firm of Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C., in Des Moines, where he has practiced his entire career. Kent graduated from Coe in 1976 with a degree in physics, and earned a master’s degree in physics at the University of Iowa in 1979. He went on to study law at Iowa, graduating with a J.D. in 1982.

Kent is one of five siblings who graduated from Coe between 1975 and 1987. He and his wife, Elaine, have three sons who are in the early stages of their careers. Kent and Elaine are avid skiers and enjoy spending time in Italy.

**Shirley J. Hughes**  

Shirley J. Hughes retired in April 2005 as an Officer and Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Ceridian Corporation (formerly Control Data Corporation), Minneapolis, Minnesota, where her career spanned nearly 30 years, with a break in service. From 1994-1998, she served as Vice President of Human Resources for Mercy Health Services (now Trinity Health), a multi-billion dollar and multi-state health care provider headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan. She returned to Ceridian in 1998.

Shirley currently serves as a Director on the boards of: Second Harvest (an affiliate of Feeding America), St. Paul, Minnesota; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina; Graywolf Press, (a highly regarded independent press headquartered in Minneapolis); and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota Foundation, (which provides grants to programs and initiatives impacting the health of communities in Minnesota). She is also a member of the Minnesota Women’s Economic Roundtable and the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Prior board service included Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities.

Shirley is a beginning golfer and spends time with great nieces, nephews and several Godchildren located throughout the country. She enjoys reading extensively, is a member of two Book Clubs, and loves to travel.

She is divorced and resides in Minneapolis where she was born and raised. Shirley graduated from Coe in 1967 with a degree in political science, and she thinks the college is a special place because of the small, caring atmosphere.
William P. Johnson
(Life Trustee serving since 1988)

Bill Johnson is a partner in Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP, a Denver law firm. Bill is Chairman and a Founding Director of FirstBank Holding Company which conducts a banking business in Colorado, California and Arizona. Bill has served as a Trustee of the University of Colorado Foundation and serves on the Investment Committee of the Denver Foundation. Bill served as President of the University of Colorado Alumni Association in 1980.

Bill and his wife, Lynda, live in Boulder, Colorado. They have three sons and six grandchildren. Bill is a 1953 graduate of Coe with a major in political science, and a 1958 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. Bill feels strongly that Coe prepared him well for law school and a subsequent career.

Steve Kennedy - President, Coe College Alumni Council
(2014-2016)

Steve Kennedy spent his first nine years in Early, Iowa. He then lived in Cedar Rapids through his graduation from Coe in 1978, where he received a degree in psychology and an elementary teacher certification. While at Coe, Steve was a member of the Men’s Honor Society, the basketball and track teams, and music ensembles. In 1986, he received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Denver.

Steve has been a career-long public educator—two years in Idaho, the remaining years in the Denver, Colorado area. He has served schools and school districts as a teacher, social worker, principal and special education director. In the late 1990s, Steve was Director of the Colorado School-to-Career initiative for the Governor’s Office. He has been active in school reform initiatives and in training the next generation of public educators. He is currently an adjunct faculty member with the University of Northern Colorado Graduate School of Special Education. He has served on the boards of several community-focused non-profits.

Steve continues to pursue his love of music, playing bass in a small jazz group. He and his wife, Debbie LaPour Kennedy ’77, live in Aurora, Colorado, where they enjoy bicycling, hiking, bird watching and volunteering at their local elementary school and state park. They are proud Coe Heritage Club members and both are very pleased that Coe has continued to grow and flourish.

Albert Kircher
(Life Trustee serving since 1993)
**Steven Kline**  
*2013-2016*

Steve Kline is managing director of Sustainability & Policy Consulting where he advises organizations on sustainability reporting and policy as well as energy-related policy and regulatory issues. Over a 32-year career with Pacific Gas & Electric Company and PG&E Corporation, he served as Director of Corporate Planning and Vice President - Regulation at Pacific Gas & Electric and Vice President - Corporate Environmental & Federal Affairs at PG&E Corporation. In 2010, he was named PG&E’s first Chief Sustainability Officer.

He has testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, and the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. He serves on the Board of the China - U.S. Energy Efficiency Alliance and is a Trustee of Coe College. Through 2013, he was a member of the Executive Advisory Board of the EDGE Center at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business, and through 2012 he was a member of Hewlett Packard’s Executive Environmental Advisory Council.

Steve earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and economics from Coe College and a master’s degree in diplomacy from the Patterson School of Diplomacy, and he is a graduate of the University of Michigan’s Executive Business Program. His article, “Regulatory Policies for the Transition to the New Business Paradigm,” co-written with William Miller and Roland Risser, was published in “Distributed Generation and its Implications for the Utility Industry” (F. Sioshansi, Academic Press, 2014).

**Mary Jeanne Krob**  
*1990-2016*

Mary Jeanne Krob earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and general science at Coe in 1973. She went on to receive a master’s degree in genetics at the University of Missouri in 1974, her M.D. at the University of Iowa in 1978, and a master’s degree in instructional design and technology at the University of Iowa in 1995.

As a physician and surgeon, Mary Jeanne served as the Medical Director of the Burn Center at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh from 1987-1991, and currently works as an Associate Medical Director for Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Physician Assistants at Duquesne University.

Mary Jeanne serves on several non-profit boards in the Pittsburgh area and on the family business board.

Mary Jeanne thinks Coe is a special place because it sees every student as a unique individual and helps them to see and realize their potential.
VINCENT L. MARTIN
(Life Trustee serving since 1989)

Vince Martin grew up in southern California and attended Stanford University, graduating in 1960 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1963.

Vince’s professional career included experience with Westinghouse Air Brake, FMC Corporation (1974-79 in Cedar Rapids) and AMCA International. In 1985, Vince co-founded Jason Incorporated in Milwaukee, a diversified manufacturing business that now has operations in 11 countries with over 3,000 employees. Jason became a public company in 1987 and was subsequently taken private in 2000. Vince retired as CEO in 1999 and as Chairman in 2004. He continues to serve on various corporate and non-profit boards.

Vince has been married to Jan for 50 years; they have two daughters in California, a son in Tennessee and six granddaughters. The Martins have residences in Milwaukee and Saratoga, California.

JULIE JOHNSON McLEAN
(2011-2017)

Julie Johnson McLean, a native of Mechanicsville, Iowa, is a senior shareholder of the law firm of Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C. in Des Moines. She has a general business practice specializing in the areas of banking, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, business organizations and transactions, and mergers and acquisitions. Julie has served as an officer of several professional and business associations and on various nonprofit boards in Central Iowa.

Julie graduated with majors in business administration and sociology from Coe in 1978 and earned her Juris Doctor at the University of Iowa in 1981. At Coe, Julie met her husband, Brian McLean (1979), and they have two daughters. Julie is a sports enthusiast and loves golf, biking, Hawkeye football, and the Chicago Cubs.

Julie believes Coe prepared her well for law school and her subsequent professional career and involvement in the community. She believes that Coe is a special place because of its focus on liberal arts, the residential campus experience, and most importantly, the talented and accessible faculty and staff who take a personal interest in the development and success of each student.
Curt Menefee
(2011-2017)

Curt Menefee is currently the host of Fox NFL Sunday, a position he has held since 2006 and “Hello Goodbye” on the Travel Channel. Prior to that, he was a play-by-play announcer for NFL games on Fox for 10 seasons while also anchoring the sports for the local Fox station in New York City.

Curt has been involved in sports television since his days as a student at Coe, where he graduated in 1987 with a major in American studies and minors in history and physical education. He began his professional career at KCRG in Cedar Rapids prior to moving on to stations in Des Moines, Madison, Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, Florida, and Dallas before ending up in New York where (at the age of 29) he was the youngest Sports Director on television.

Curt and his wife, Viollette, have a home in the Studio City area of Los Angeles. Having traveled to more than 70 countries and all seven continents, you can often find him at an airport near you. Curt describes himself as a “consistently crappy golfer who has fun playing!” He loves listening to music, and butchering the guitar, but his real addiction is playing “Words With Friends” on his iPad. Curt received an Honorary Doctor of Journalism Degree from Coe when he delivered the commencement address to the class of 2010.

In thinking about the college, Curt notes, “Coe has a sense of community that extends beyond the four years that you are on campus. It’s in the friends you keep in touch with, the people you can’t wait to explain to what “C-O-E” stands for, and its liberal arts focus that influences the choices you make on a daily basis. The best way to describe it is that Coe is a place that gets in your brain when you’re a freshman, and stays in your heart forever.”

Liza Ovrom
(2007-2016)

Liza Ovrom is a native of Keosauqua, Iowa, graduated from Coe in 1975, and went on to earn a law degree from the University of Iowa in 1979. At Coe, she majored in English literature and Spanish, was assistant editor of the Coe Cosmos, and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Liza is a third generation Coe graduate, and the proud mother of a 2008 Coe graduate.

Liza serves as a District Court Judge in Polk County, Iowa. She presides over civil and criminal cases. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 1999, she was the First Assistant Polk County Attorney for the civil bureau, and also served as an Assistant Iowa Attorney General. Liza is active in professional legal organizations, and is a frequent speaker at legal education seminars in Iowa. She is currently serving on the Iowa Supreme Court’s Civil Justice Reform Task Force and the Iowa Child Support Advisory Council.

Liza and her husband, Mark Schuling, live in Des Moines and have two adult sons. She is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and enjoys golf and yoga.
Chuck Peters serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Gazette Company, a media company located in Cedar Rapids, which operates The Gazette newspaper, KCRG – TV9, an ABC affiliate, local shoppers, numerous online sites, and provides commercial printing and direct marketing services.

Chuck earned his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Iowa. A lawyer by training, Chuck spent a decade in the appliance business, including five years as President of Amana Refrigeration, and he served until 1998 as Vice President – Administration of Maytag. Between appliance assignments, he was the CEO of Breakthrough, an Iowa City start-up software and consulting company engaged in developing effective early literacy programs for school systems.

When not working at transforming a media company, Chuck in many civic and charitable organizations, including United Way, the Hall-Perrine Foundation and Junior Achievement, in addition to Coe College.

Chuck and his wife, Mary Ann, live in the developing New Bo neighborhood in downtown Cedar Rapids. They have three sons - Nate, Scott and Nick.

In reflecting on what makes the college special, Chuck notes, “Coe’s very talented faculty and staff take a personal interest in the development of each student. In my 20 years on the Coe board I have seen many students, some the first in their families to attend college, develop significantly during their time at Coe.”
**James Phifer**  
*(Life Trustee serving since 1996)*

James Phifer retired in 2013 following nearly three decades of distinguished service to Coe College. He joined Coe as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty in 1985, and he became the 14th President of the college in 1996. Dr. Phifer received his bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. degrees from the University Colorado – Boulder, and served at Wayne State College and the State University of New York before coming to Coe.

Coe College became a larger and stronger institution under President Phifer’s leadership. The campus more than doubled in size during his tenure. Among the projects completed were the construction of Nassif Admission House, McCabe Hall and four new student apartments – all done as part of the first campus expansion project. Major renovations were completed on several buildings, and athletic facilities have been enhanced.

During the Phifer era, two highly successful capital campaigns were completed that provided funds for needed campus improvements, as well as to support student scholarships and enhancements to the academic program. A total of $150 million was raised, which exceeds the sum of all other Coe campaigns combined. As well, Coe’s total endowment grew from $37 million in 1995 to more than $85 million in 2012.

President Phifer kept the focus on educating traditional, full-time students with top quality academic programs in a supportive residential environment. The full-time enrollment at Coe grew by 30 percent during the Phifer years, while at the same time the average academic profile of incoming students rose significantly. He also spearheaded the college’s move to the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1997.

Upon retirement, the Coe College Board of Trustees honored President Phifer as President, Emeritus and Professor of History, Emeritus.

Jim and his wife, Linnie, reside in Castle Pines, Colorado. They are the parents of Trystan Phifer O’Leary and Tamsyn Phifer Johnston. The entire Phifer family was deeply involved in the life of the college during their years at Coe.

**Sigrid Strong Reynolds**  
*(2010-2016)*

Sigrid Strong Reynolds graduated cum laude from Duke University in 1974 with a degree in anthropology, and went on to earn a second degree in history and teacher education at Coe in 1994. She is a retired AP history teacher in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She is currently serving as Vice President at the Hattie M. Strong Foundation in Washington, D.C., where she has worked to convert an 80-year-old college loan program into a scholarship partnership with colleges in Washington, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

Sigrid and Curt lived in Cedar Rapids for 30 years. In 2009, they moved to the mountains of western Maryland to continue Curt’s work as a family practitioner. Fully retired now, they are moving to Cleveland in mid summer where their son and daughter-in-law are raising two grandchildren. Another daughter is also moving there from Austin, Texas. The last child is in New York City for graduate school. Volunteer opportunities and outdoor activities await.
DONALD RIBBLE  
(Life Trustee serving since 1986)

BRETT RULE  
(2007-2016)

Brett Rule graduated from Coe in 1986 majoring in economics, and went onto earn an MBA from Vanderbilt University. Upon graduation from Vanderbilt in 1988, he began to work for Texas Commerce Bank (TCB) in the real estate group. After working at TCB for two years, he accepted a Development Manager position with a local commercial developer in Houston, Texas. In 1992, Brett formed a correctional facilities development company and over the subsequent four years constructed several detention facilities in Texas and Missouri. For the last 17 years, he has been a trader and investor in the public and private equity markets.

Brett and his wife, Libba, have been married for 26 years and have three great kids, the oldest of which is a senior this year at Lehigh University. Another son attends Babson College and his daughter is a junior in high school. When not trading, he enjoys golfing, playing tennis and fly-fishing in the mountains of North Carolina.

JOHN SAGERS  
(Life Trustee serving since 1976)

GARY SCHLARBAUM  
(Life Trustee serving since 1988)

A native of Van Horne, Iowa, Gary Schlarbaum likes to say that he was recruited to play basketball at Coe by Bill Fitch. Gary received his bachelor’s degree at Coe in 1965, double majoring in mathematics and economics. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in economics with a specialty in finance from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971.

Gary taught at Purdue University from 1969-1984, leaving as a Professor of Finance. Subsequently, he pursued a career in the investment business. Gary served as Head of Asset Allocation for First Chicago Investment Advisors from 1984-1987, then was the Head of the Equity Division for Miller, Anderson and Sherrerd from 1987-1996, when the firm was sold to Morgan Stanley. Gary then worked as the Managing Director and Head of Small- and Mid-cap Value Investing until 2002. He came out of retirement in 2008 to be in business with his son, and their current firm is Palliser Bay Investment Management.

He is married to Ruthanne (Dempsey) Schlarbaum ’67, and they have two children and five grandchildren. Gary and Ruthanne live in Villanova, Pennsylvania. They travel frequently, particularly to San Francisco where their daughter and two of their grandchildren live. Gary likes to play golf and is an avid reader.

Gary believes that Coe is a special place because of the focus on liberal arts, the campus and facilities, the care and concern of the faculty, and the excellence of the athletic program.
Larry Shryock, a native of Nevada, Iowa, attended Coe College from 1961-1965, earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Upon graduation, Larry joined U. S. Steel Corporation (Finance Group) in Chicago, and a year later was transferred to Houston.

In 1973, Larry joined Texas Commerce Bank (now JPMorgan Chase Bank) and retired 29 years later as Executive Vice President and Manager of Middle Market Banking. For the past 11 years, Larry has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of W.S. Farish and Company, a private trust company. Throughout his business career, Larry has served on the boards of several charitable organizations and educational institutions in the greater Houston area.

Larry and wife Jan (Lake) Shryock have a grown son, Mike, daughter-in-law, Kris, and two wonderful grandchildren, Ray and Brooke, who live in Hinsdale, Illinois.

William R. Shuttleworth (Life Trustee serving since 1972)

Bill Shuttleworth was born, raised and schooled in Cedar Rapids. He did not attend Coe, but the college was a significant element in his life growing up. Bill’s parents were friends with several faculty and Coe graduates. As a young person, Bill constantly attended events at Coe, and for these reasons and his tenure on the Board of Trustees commencing in 1972, he feels like a defacto alum of the college.

Bill served in the United States Navy from December 1944 until he was discharged in July 1946. That fall, he enrolled at the State University of Iowa, from which he earned a liberal arts degree in 1949 and a master’s degree in 1951. In June 1953, Bill graduated from Yale Law School and returned to Cedar Rapids with his father’s firm, then known as Elliott, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll.

Bill and his wife, Winifred (a/k/a Teddy), have three children ranging in age from 49 to 56, two in Iowa and one in California. Bill and Teddy both have devotion to the fine arts and to the seemingly “impossible dream” of achieving a more peace driven world order, and have tried to focus their time, financial support and leadership in these areas.

Bill says the question of what distinguishes Coe is hard to articulate, but he can say that at the present time the devotion and level of excellence of the Coe graduates on the Board of Trustees is of the highest order and continues to amaze and gratify him.
**Bruce E. Spivey**  
*(Life Trustee serving since 1984)*

Bruce Spivey grew up close to the Coe campus and graduated with a degree in General Science in 1956. He went on to earn a Medical Degree from the University of Iowa in 1959, a Master of Science Degree from the University of Iowa in 1964, and a Master of Education Degree from the University of Illinois in 1969.

Bruce was in the Ophthalmology Residency Program at the University of Iowa from 1960-1964, and served in the United States Army, becoming the first ophthalmologist in Vietnam in 1965-1966. From 1966-1971, he taught on the ophthalmology faculty at the University of Iowa, and was the Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at California Pacific Medical Center from 1971-1987. Also, he was the Dean of the School of Medical Sciences at the University of the Pacific from 1971-1976.

For the balance of his career, Bruce served as the founding Chief Executive Officer of various health care organizations, including the Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center (now CPMC, 1976-92), the American Academy of Ophthalmology (1976-92), California Healthcare System (1987-1992), Northwestern Healthcare Network (1992-97) and Columbia Cornell Care (1997-2002). From 1994-2006, Bruce was the Secretary General of the International Council of Ophthalmology, and since 2006, he has served as President of the organization. He has also been the Chairman of the Pacific Vision Foundation since 2007.

In addition, Bruce has served as the President of the American Board of Medical Specialties, Council of Medical Specialty Societies, Society of Medical Administrators, American Ophthalmological Society, and other organizations. He has served and continues to serve on numerous other boards.

Bruce was married to Nancy Spivey ’56 from 1956-1977. In 1987, Bruce married Patti Amanda Birge Tyson. He has two children, Lisa and Eric, and four grandchildren.

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**Jerre Stead**  
*(Life Trustee serving since 1987)*

**Craig S. Struve**  
*(2014-2017)*

Craig is a 1970 graduate of Coe majoring in history. He retired in 2008 following 20 years as the Director of Television Operations for Vail Resorts in Vail, Colorado.

The Struve Communication Center opened on the Coe campus in 2013, made possible through a leadership gift from Craig, and it is dedicated to the memory of his parents. The building is designed to enable and enhance the assets of the communication studies major at Coe and facilitate all aspects of the communication field.

Craig is an avid golfer, skier, hiker and mountain biker as well as a voracious reader. He spends his winters in Windermere, Florida, and summers in the mountains near Vail, Colorado.
Carson Veach, a native of New York state, practices law at the Chicago law firm of Freeborn & Peters, LLP. He also is the owner of a wine distribution company, Expedition Wine & Spirits, LLC, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Chinese American Service League. Prior to joining Freeborn & Peters he was the part owner, COO and General Counsel of a privately held national wine importing and distribution company from 1998-2004, when the company was sold. His pre-1998 career included a multi-year stint as a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice and a 17-year association with the law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson, where he was first an associate and then an equity partner.

Carson graduated from Coe in 1974 and earned J.D. and MBA degrees from the University of Chicago. He currently resides in the Chicago metro area. Carson enjoys golf, platform tennis, watching his sons play sports, and reading, music and movies.

Ed Walsh graduated from Coe in 1970 and thereafter received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1973. Ed is the founding member (1980) of the Chicago and Wheaton, Illinois law firm of Walsh, Knippen, Pollock & Cetina, Chtd. Ed is a Trial Lawyer and concentrates his practice representing people who are catastrophically injured or killed by negligent doctors, hospitals and corporations.

By appointment of the Illinois Supreme Court, Ed is a member of the Supreme Court Rules Committee and the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. Ed is a frequent speaker on the topics of trial practice, courtroom technology and professionalism at continuing legal education programs throughout Illinois.

Ed and his wife, Bobbi (Covert) Walsh ’70, have four adult sons, including Michael Walsh ’02, and five grandchildren. Ed provides pro bono legal representation to several environmental not-for-profit organizations in southeast Minnesota where he and Bobbi enjoy environmental stewardship, native plant restoration and reforestation at their upper Mississippi River Valley farm.