Mario Affatigato ’89 | Fran Allison and Francis Halpin Professor of Physics, Chair

Mario Affatigato earned his undergraduate degree from Coe and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He has worked with over 90 undergraduates on research projects including laser-induced modification and exotic manufacturing methods. Mario is a past recipient of the APS Prize for Research at an Undergraduate Institution, a PECASE award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). At Coe he also has served as assistant to the president for special initiatives and director of the office of grants and sponsored research.

Robert Darryl Banks ’72 | Trustee

Darryl Banks graduated magna cum laude from Coe, majoring in chemistry. He was elected a Rhodes Scholar, completing a D.Phil. in biophysics at Oxford University. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 1978. His professional career has included work as a biophysicist and energy and sustainability expert. Currently, Darryl is the owner of RDB Consulting, an energy and environmental sustainability firm.

Andrea Cooley | Human Resources and Benefits Administrator

Andrea Cooley has over 20 years of human resources expertise and business management experience. At Coe she oversees group benefit programs for health, dental, vision and life insurance as well as workman’s compensation, disability and 403(b) plans. Andrea also serves as a mentor for Coe students.

Sara Farrell | Professor of Psychology, Chair

Sara Farrell has been on the Coe faculty since 2006 and served as department chair since 2015. She mentors students through research projects related to organizational and positive psychology. She has served on the Committee to Advise the President on Retention, Promotion and Tenure and the Faculty Welfare Committee. Sara received her B.A. from the University of Iowa, M.A. from Minnesota State University-Mankato and Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University.

Ken Golder ’82 | Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Ken Golder graduated from Coe with a bachelor’s degree in communication techniques. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2007. He is the founder and CEO of Golder Hospitality and Golder Hotel Properties LLC, which own and manage a diverse portfolio of hotels in five states. Ken and his wife, Sue (Roe) Golder ’82, have three children, one of whom is a Coe graduate.

Kent Herink ’76 | Trustee

Kent Herink graduated from Coe with a degree in physics. He 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. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2005. He is a retired patent attorney for the firm of Davis, Brown, Koch, Shors & Roberts PC. Kent is one of five siblings who graduated from Coe between 1975 and 1987.
Shion Kabasele is a biology, neuroscience and psychology major from Dallas, Texas. She is involved in Japanese Student Association and Psychology Club and works as a Supplemental Instruction leader and assistant in the Coe Office of Admission.

Dave Lusson graduated from Coe with majors in accounting and business. He participated in football and track all four years. Dave has served on the Board of Trustees since 2017. He recently retired from Diamond V after serving as the executive vice president. Prior to that, he was a partner at RSM, which included spending 20 years with the firm. During this tenure, he studied corporate business strategy at the University of Chicago.

Bryan Martin is in his eighth season as the head coach of the Coe men’s basketball team. During his time at the helm, he has totaled 102 wins overall and 56 wins in the A-R-C. During Bryan’s tenure, the Kohawks have been awarded the NABC Team Excellence award for outstanding academics in each of the last seven years. Bryan has an M.A. in athletic administration from the University of South Dakota.

Angelina Ramirez is a political science and social and criminal justice major from Surprise, Arizona. She is the president and co-founder of CoeVotes, a 2021 Truman Scholarship finalist and a 2020 Newman Civic Fellow. Angelina is the legislative aide for state Sen. Rob Hogg, a project fellow for West Wind Education Policy Inc. and a member of Advocates for Social Justice in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Tim Sagers earned his degree in biology and general science from Coe and his medical degree from the University of Iowa. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2019. Tim is board-certified in family medicine and has practiced at MercyCare Community Physicians in Cedar Rapids since 2004. He is also a medical director at MercyCare Business Health Solutions. Tim’s son, Ben, is a 2018 graduate of Coe.

Kristin Strohm is a graduate of Coe and obtained her MBA from the University of Denver. She has served on the Board of Trustees since 2017. She has a career spanning small business, public policy and philanthropy. Kristin currently serves as President & CEO of the Common Sense Policy Roundtable, a free enterprise think tank in Colorado. She has been honored by the Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women.

Carson Veach graduated from Coe and earned J.D. and MBA degrees from the University of Chicago. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2010. Carson is a principal at Miller, Canfield and is resident in the firm’s Chicago office. He also sits on the advisory board of the Chinese American Service League.