



Board of Directors Biographies

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Kathy Anderson

Kathy joined the NSCS board in August 2013. She has been active in projects in education and housing in St. Louis for decades as a Beyond Housing board member and a founding board member of Loyola Academy. She was active in St. Louis Public Schools for five years through participation in the Cole School Task Force, a support group for Cole.

William Ball

William Ball has been a teacher in the Webster Groves School District for nine years. During his time in Webster, he has taught Third (current), Fourth, and Fifth grade at Avery Elementary. William also coaches for the Webster Groves High School Varsity Football Team. In addition to his role as a Teacher and Coach William has spent time serving as the PTO Liaison and on the Equity Committee at Avery. In addition to his bachelor's degree in Education, William also has a Masters in Athletic Administration.

Ryan Bumb

Ryan is a real estate development manager with Opus Development Company in St. Louis. He has experience in sourcing, planning, financing, and management of commercial real estate projects, including multifamily residential, senior living, and industrial projects. Ryan has a BA in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Michael Carpenter

Michael is a Partner with Moneta Group Investment Advisors, a firm that specializes in providing family office and institutional advisory services. Michael is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and Saint Louis University School of Law.

Lindsay Combs

Lindsay is the Principal of Carmody Macdonald P.C. She concentrates her practice in the area of general civil litigation. She has handled matters in state and federal courts in both Illinois and Missouri. Lindsay has been recognized yearly as a Rising Star by Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers since 2015. She has been actively involved as a community-based mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri as well as The Little Bit Foundation.

Ebony Duncan-Shippy

Ebony M. Duncan-Shippy (Ph.D.) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education at Washington University in St. Louis. She examines the impacts of race & racism on education reform policy, school-community relationships, and the schooling experiences of marginalized youth in the United States. Her newest book, *Shuttered Schools: Race, Community, and School Closures in American Cities* (Information Age Publishing, 2019), analyzes the disproportionate impact of public school closures on African American students in cities across the United States. Dr. Duncan-Shippy is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and American University.

Stacy Erker

Stacy is the Owner and Event Director of Stacy Erker Event Strategy. Along with extensive expertise in event management, Stacy has experience in marketing and communications. She received her BA in Strategic Communication from Miami University.

Fred Falker

Fred is the President of Falker Consulting Group, Inc., a consulting and human resource development training firm. He has worked as an organizational development consultant for more than 30 years, helping organizations with performance management, customer service, and inclusion & diversity consulting and training.

Crystal Fowler

Crystal is a dedicated public service professional with experience working with children and families. She has a BA in Educational Studies and Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and a MA in Management and Leadership from Webster University. Crystal is also involved in the community as a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer and serves on the black Alumni Council of Washington University.

Byron E. Francis

Byron recently retired as a Partner with Armstrong Teasdale primarily engaged in the firm's commercial litigation practice and is Practice Group Leader of the firm's Construction Law Practice. He also has extensive experience in the areas of real estate, securities, and environmental litigation in state and federal courts. His securities practice includes the representation of investment firms and brokers in state and federal courts, as well as before the NASD and NYSE. Byron is a graduate of the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

Tracee Holmes

Tracee received her economics degree from the University of Illinois-Champaign and her MBA from Saint Louis University. She worked as an Actuarial Analyst at National Casualty Company and as an analyst and manager in Financial Reporting, Planning and Analysis at The May Department Stores Company. She is an active volunteer. She served on various Clayton School District Parent Teacher Organizations for 18 years, coached and volunteered for Girls on the Run and was Co-Chair of the Girls High School Booster Club for 6 years. She is an active volunteer at The Church of St. Michael-St. George in Clayton serving as a Vestry member, Centennial Co-Chair, member of the Youth Ministry Leadership Team, Greeter and Sunday School teacher. She is a board member of St. Louis YPO-Gold and is a member of the Junior League of St. Louis. Tracee and her husband, Bob, have three daughters in college.

Alison C. Nash, M.D.

A native St. Louisian, Alison is a product of the St. Louis Public Schools graduating from Northwest High School in 1973. She earned a BS in Chemistry from Howard University and an MD from Baylor College of Medicine. She served in the United States Navy for 11 years during which time she completed a Pediatric Residency and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In 1989, she joined her father's pediatric practice located in North St. Louis and became a member of the Medical Staff of St. Louis Children's Hospital. Alison is also a preceptor for the Community Outpatient Practice Experience (COPE) program providing primary care training for St. Louis Children's Hospital pediatric residents since 1994. She served as president-elect of the Medical Staff from 2007-2009 and president from 2009-2011. Alison served as the community physician representative on the Executive Faculty Council of Washington University School of Medicine from 2012-2014. In 2014, she was appointed Medical Director of Healthy Kids Express, a community outreach program of St. Louis Children's Hospital and BJC.

Alison has served on the Board of Trustees of Crossroads College Preparatory School, the Advocacy Board of Family Forward, and Project Concern with Asthma and Allergy Foundation. She is married to Clarence Dula with whom she raised four children. She now enjoys her grandchild, reading with her book club, cooking, and walking in Forest Park

Michael Quinlan

Michael is the Founder and former President of Michael Quinlan Inc., the largest distributor of the acclaimed “Crucial Conversations” process to global corporations. Quinlan developed a successful business plan by building a robust client base consisting of domestic and international Fortune 100 companies in the Midwest, offering leading-edge organizational effectiveness programs to middle and senior-level managers.

Ken Rinderknecht

Ken has served our most vulnerable children for more than 30 years (1973-2004) through the Juvenile Division of the St. Louis City Family Court. He initially served as a Deputy Juvenile Officer before becoming a founding member of the Intensive Supervision Unit for our most troubled youth. He earned his master's degree in social work at Saint Louis University in 1987, which allowed him to take on more responsibility. From 1993-2004, he held supervisory roles in the Child Abuse/Neglect Investigation Unit and the Care and Protection/Permanency Planning Group.

Since his retirement, Mr. Rinderknecht has served as a volunteer for the nonprofit Ready Readers. Each week, he reads to pre-kindergarten students at three schools in the City of St. Louis—including NSCS. He received an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award for his work. He and his wife, Judge Barbara Wallace, remain actively involved after more than 20 years at East St. Louis organizations that provide back-to-school supplies for more than 250 elementary school children every fall.

Pat Shipley

With more than 30 years experience in public and independent education, Pat brings an enormous amount of expertise to the education and development of young children. Her personal belief in strong academics and strong character carry over into every aspect of a child's education at Rossman.

A mother of eight, Pat became a teacher because education combines her two loves — a love of children and a love of learning. A Brooklyn, New York native, Pat moved to St. Louis at the age of 19. After graduating cum laude from Webster University, she attended graduate school at St. Louis University and taught for the Webster Groves School District and Community School before devoting 15 years to the students at MICDS. During her tenure she served as a sixth and seventh grade teacher, Assistant Head of Middle School and Director of Admission.

Liza Weiss

Liza is the Founder and Executive Director of Missouri Appleseed. Missouri Appleseed is a nonprofit that works on local and state policy issues at the intersection of public health and criminal justice. Prior to Missouri Appleseed, Liza worked as a public defender in Boston and a guardian ad litem in Washington, DC. Liza is a graduate of Yale University and George Washington University Law School.