

Oceanside Collegiate Academy
Board of Directors Bios

Dr. Marvin Arnsdorff, Board Chair

Elected Date: September 9, 2020

Term Expires: October 1, 2022

Serving since 2016

Dr. Marvin Arnsdorff is a passionate business visionary specializing in leadership, strengths and talent development, and customer and employee engagement. He brings a masterful approach to “Building Healthy Organizations” through his longstanding expertise in healthcare, including over twenty-five years in private practice. He was also highly successful as an engineer for positive change in business management, operating 100+ clinics across North America.

As Founding Chair of Oceanside Collegiate Academy, Dr. Marvin fully understands and will uphold the Board’s responsibility to monitor school activities to include accountability, compliance, academic performance, athletics, compliance, finances, legal, legislative, operations, and safety.

Marvin resides in Mount Pleasant, SC (Park West) with his wife, Wendy, and his daughter, Taylor (Original Landshark).

Dr. Gary Nestler, Vice Chair

Elected Date: April 22, 2021

Term Expires: May 1, 2023

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Following a successful career practicing medicine, as the Founder and Director of Integrative Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina, serving as a member of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, and teaching Public Safety and Emergency Management at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, I transitioned in 2008 to become IBM’s global Public Safety leader and served as a key member of a world-wide senior leadership team until 2017. Gary is currently Senior Vice President and investor in an operational and analytics technology company responsible for strategy, branding and capital growth financing,

Additionally, for the last several years Gary has held the position of the Chairman of the Board of the Charleston Police Fund, remains active as a Captain in the Fire Service, works with the command staff of a local law enforcement SWAT team, and remains an FBI Infragard member.

Nora Howard, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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Having served as an original OCA planning committee member, Nora now serves as the OCA Board Secretary. After a successful 25 year career in pharmaceutical sales, Nora has spent the last three years building her business as a Realtor with EXP Realty. Nora is proud of her commitment to OCA -- from concept to establishing the charter to construction -- and through challenging times standing strong for the parents, students and staff at OCA. The mom of 15 and 17 year old boys, she holds a BA from East Carolina University and an MBA from Meredith College.

Sandra Patrick

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Sandra started in the real estate business in 1997. After 4 years of working exclusively coordinating closings, Sandra recognized the broader need in the real estate agent community for a dedicated, focused and experienced partner to help agents move ratified contracts to a quick and efficient closing.

In 2002, Sandra started her own firm, Professional Real Estate Closers, LLC, and quickly branched out to real estate agents and offices throughout the Lowcountry. Her unique business model allowed her to be a per-contract independent closing coordinator while also integrating seamlessly with the real estate agent's business, providing dedicated and focused closing support to clients while avoiding the cost and hassle involved in hiring a full time assistant.

In 2015, Sandra signed an exclusive agreement with Carolina One, and her team of closing coordinators provided the same seamless service to Carolina One agents in the Charleston area. In 2019, Sandra merged her firm with LowcountryC2C, a business committed to using technology to streamline the closing process for agents and clients.

Sandra is recognized by real estate agents, attorneys, paralegals, and lenders as an expert in the inner workings and logistics of the closing process. She frequently speaks in front of these groups, giving ideas and tools to help agents focus on revenue generating sales, while delegating the closing details to an expert partner.

Sandra is a native of Hanahan, SC, attended the University of South Carolina, and holds a bachelor's degree in communications from The College of Charleston. Sandra and her husband, Dennis, have 2 children, Paul-David and Eleanor, and the Patricks can often be found boating on the local waters. She and her daughter enjoy riding horses together, and Sandra trains in Shaolin-Kempo karate at Masters Studios, where she is a 4th degree black belt.

Kira Perdue

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For over 25 years Kira has managed the strategic direction of PR programs for both start-up and Fortune 100 companies. Currently, Kira provides counsel and execution for reputable PR agencies nationwide and serves her own clients with strategic communication programs. She previously served 13 years as executive vice president at one of the southeast's most reputable public relations and digital marketing firms. She has worked with C-level executives to plan and execute strategic consumer and B2B programs for brands such as Verizon Wireless, Target, Sun Microsystems and Earthlink.

Kira was involved from the conception point for OCA, building the school from the ground up. Previously, Kira served on the Board of Directors for both the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and My Sister's House as vice president. In 2008 she was named to the Charleston Business Journal's 40 under 40. Kira hold a degree in journalism from the Ohio University E.W. Scripps School.

Danny Johnson

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As a former North Carolina High School Player of the Year, all-conference Division 1, and 11-year professional basketball player (NBA, D-League, and European Leagues), Danny has established relationships at the high school, college, and professional levels. "Based on my experience and relationships with established professional coaches, it's only a phone call away putting kids on their "watch- list" for perspective student-athletes and have a built-in trust factor with them when I bring a player to their attention." He was written up <https://today.cofc.edu/2019/01/24/meet-the-charleston-globetrotters/>.

For the past 9 season, Danny has served as the Color Analyst for College of Charleston Men's Basketball (airs on 94.7fm, ESPN910am and streamed on www.charlestonsportsradio.com), allowing him to have instant access to all sports media outlets in the Lowcountry and South Carolina. He's been contacted by almost all of them to provide news, quotes, and information about the sports scene.

Danny was elected in February 2019 to serve on the South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame Board and is also a member of the College of Charleston Cougar Club Board and the Charleston County School District Career and Technology Advisory Board. For three years, Danny has served as a Mount Pleasant Recreation Department Sponsorship Coordinator tasked with securing sponsorship and value-in-kind donations from national, state, and local businesses for athletic programs within the Town of Mount Pleasant.

Danny holds a Masters degree in public administration, specializing in governmental practices and compliance.

Chris Swisher

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Chris Swisher is a senior level healthcare executive with 25+ years of experience in hospital and multinational corporate settings. He is currently the Head of Customer Experience & Employee Training - Americas Region for Bayer Radiology (\$2B€). He was appointed to the OCA Board in September 2021 to leverage his professional experiences such as managing multi-million P&L's, launching products globally, developing new business units from the ground up, strategically mapping customer journeys, developing employees to execute at high levels, and building teams and culture. He also owns a deep commitment to Diversity & Inclusion as he serves on several Bayer initiatives such as its Women's Leadership Mentoring and H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Elevate). Chris earned his BS in Finance from Indiana University and his MBA in Marketing from Butler University.

Originally from Indiana, Chris, his wife, Kelsey, and their four children (Tucker, Tanner, Ripley & Lulu) relocated to Mount Pleasant in the summer of 2016 as the Lowcountry climate helps manage their daughter's lifelong, rare genetic skin disease. Chris immediately got involved in the community by volunteering his time coaching youth sports with MPRD. In 2019, he successfully integrated a Special Olympics athlete into one of his football teams and still maintains that relationship today. Most recently, Chris was awarded the "2020 – 2021 Volunteer of the Year – Football" and is now coaching a youth basketball team. At OCA, Chris helped create the Black & Blue Booster Club for Oceanside's football program and is currently serving as its President. He is also helping launch Oceanside's Rugby teams for both women's and men's programs.

When not volunteering at Oceanside and attending many of its sporting events, Chris and Kelsey are very involved in Charleston's youth musical theater and arts scene as their youngest two children have been in 20+ musical plays and productions over the past several years.

Chris appreciates the opportunity to serve on the OCA Board and is eager to leverage his corporate experience to apply a growth and development mindset to enhancing Oceanside's accomplishments academically in the classroom, athletically on the field and its service leadership in the community.

Greg Smith

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Bio coming soon.