

Oceanside Collegiate Academy  
Board of Directors Biographies

**Dr. Marvin Arnsdorff**, Board Chair

Elected Date: April 29, 2022

Term Expires: April 28, 2024

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

Serving since 2019

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

Elected Date: April 22, 2021

Term Expires: May 1, 2023

Serving since 2016

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**

Elected: April 22, 2021

Term Expires: May 1, 2023

Serving since 2021

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.

**Danny Johnson**

Appointed to Board August 9, 2021

Term Expires: May 1, 2023

Serving since 2019

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-charlestonglobetrotters/>.

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](http://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**

Appointed to Board August 9, 2021

Term Expires: May 1, 2023

Serving since 2021

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**

Elected to Board April 22, 2021

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Greg Smith is a native-born South Carolinian who has lived in the Lowcountry for over 50 years with 40 of those years being in the East Cooper area. He graduated from Middleton High School in 1977 and attended the College of Charleston through 1980 before leaving to pursue a career in the music industry. During the 80s and most of the 90s, Greg found success as a performing songwriter, recording artist, and touring musician. After marrying his wife Sharon, he left the road and settled into writing and performing at venues along the SC coast. He also did work in audio production and engineered a live album for a Grammy award-winning artist.

In addition to music and writing, Greg's love of residential architecture led to his entry in the home building industry. As a builder, he has designed and built dozens of homes and garnered numerous awards.

Recently, Greg has taken an interest in the field of education. Over the past decade, he has completed a Bachelor's degree at Middle Tennessee State University and Master's degrees at the University of Georgia and the University of Miami. He is currently studying Arts Management at the College of Charleston but will soon be starting a Doctorate program at the University of South Carolina with plans to begin teaching and working in research while continuing to maintain interests in the music industry and construction/design industry.

Greg's son Dillon graduated from OCA in 2021 and played soccer under Coach Andre Berenzon. While at Oceanside, Dillon earned 33 college credit hours and is currently attending the College of Charleston. After one year at the College, he has attained "Junior" status and has earned nearly \$20,000 in annual scholarships...a tribute to the value of his time at Oceanside.

Greg and Sharon have been strong advocates of OCA since its inception and have volunteered and contributed to various programs. The Smith family is committed to the success of Oceanside and will continue to support its mission.

### **Anthony J. Zarzaca**

Elected Date: April 29, 2022

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Serving since 2022

Anthony (Tony) has spent his entire 27+ year career working in high level sales and specialty contracting in the construction industry. A 1994 graduate of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Tony took over his family's debt laden industrial construction management business in 1995 and returned it to profitability. After that, he held executive positions with 3 different national industry leaders and participated in many landmark construction projects throughout the United States and globally before fulfilling a lifelong goal of owning his own business by purchasing the local Benjamin Franklin Plumbing Franchise and relocating his family to Charleston in 2017.

Prior to relocation, Tony served as a member of the Bloomsburg University Foundation where he led the athletic department committee as part of an overall \$63 million fundraising campaign. In addition, volunteered as a guest teacher for the University's Business Administration – Sales curriculum and coach for the Bloomsburg University National Sales Competition Team. At a local level, Tony served as President of the Spring-Ford School District Youth Lacrosse program, participated in many school fundraising campaigns and volunteered as a youth football

coach every year. After moving to Charleston, he volunteered as a coach for Mt. Pleasant Youth Football, is a member of the OCA Black and Blue booster club and now serves on the OCA Board.

Anthony and his wife/business partner, Jean-Marie, currently reside in Mt. Pleasant with their three (3) children, Isabella (OCA Grad attending Clemson), AJ (OCA football/lacrosse), and Lilliana (OCA Volleyball). Since acquiring the business in 2017, we have proudly taken a damaged business that had a poor reputation and turned it into one of the top home service operations in Charleston earning multiple awards.