

Collegiate Charter School

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Mark Berman is currently Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Vice President for Educational Enterprise at American International College. He holds a B.A., M.B.A. and a J.D. all from Syracuse University. Mr. Berman is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

A. Craig Brown is currently a member of the law firm of Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C. Mr. Brown has more than three decades of commitment to community not for profit and public service in Springfield, Massachusetts. He has been a leader who has worked on complex projects in the community and has served many beginning agencies with distinction including his work on the board of trustees of New Leadership Charter School in Springfield.

Andrew Cade is currently Senior Vice President of Productive Aging. Mr. Cade has more than two decades of experience in community not for profit activities in Springfield with considerable background in community organizing and volunteerism. In his work with the Urban League of Springfield he has assisted in growing the agency in western Massachusetts as well as securing state and federal funds. Mr. Cade holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from AIC.

Eduardo Carballo is currently the retired Superintendent of Schools from the Holyoke Public Schools. Dr. Carballo has more than four decades in education, having served as a teacher, guidance counselor and superintendent of schools. He also held project director and education specialist positions at the Massachusetts Department of Education. He holds a B.A. in Sociology/Education/Foreign Language and an Ed.D. in Curriculum/Teaching, Multicultural Education. Dr. Carballo is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Kamari Collins is currently an Academic Counselor at Springfield Technical College. Mr. Collins has considerable experience with urban youth in Springfield and currently serves on the board of directors of the New Leadership Academy Charter School. Mr. Collins has significant experience with students in Springfield as both a teacher and volunteer and hold bachelor's and master's degrees from Springfield College.

Suzanne Marotta is the recent retired Superintendent of Schools of the West Springfield Public Schools. Dr. Marotta has more than four decades in education, having served as a teacher, elementary principal, middle school principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of schools. She holds a B.S. in Education, M.A. in Educational Administration and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration.

Christine Michael is currently the National Program Director for the College For Every Student (CFES) (formerly known as the Foundation for Excellence Schools—a non-profit urban and schools of poverty national initiative that has sought school improvement in

more than 700 locations across the country). She has more than thirty years of experience working in or with public schools, especially with low income and underprivileged students at the middle and secondary level. Dr. Michael worked as a secondary teacher and school leader before joining CFES a decade ago. She holds an AB in English and a M.A.T. in English from Brown University, a M.Ed. in Reading from Rhode Island College, an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Union University, and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Learning from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Michael is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Cory James Mickens is currently a teacher in the Hartford, CT Public Schools. Mr. Mickens holds a master's in education, an MBA and is completing his doctorate in education in addition to significant educational and community experience in Springfield. Mr. Mickens has considerable experience in middle school and high school programs.

Michael Neiman is currently Senior Vice President of Futures Education a subdivision of The Futures HealthCore, LLC, a professor of speech language pathology at American International Education and a practicing speech language pathologist. Dr. Neiman has nearly twenty years of experience working in the public schools as a speech language pathologist and has managed over 100 consultation projects on related services in public schools. He holds B.A. in English Literature, M.A. in Speech Language Pathology and a Ph.D. in Speech Language Pathology. Dr. Neiman is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Gregory Schmutte is currently Executive Vice President for Academics and a professor of psychology at American International College. Dr. Schmutte has over three decades of experience in education at the collegial level, having served as professor, director of student development and dean. He holds a B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Psychology. Dr. Schmutte a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Henry Thomas, III is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Springfield, Inc and the Chief Executive Officer of Camp Atwater. He holds a B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Human Resource Development from American International College and a J.D. from Western New England College, School of Law. Mr. Thomas is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Frank Vargo is currently Director of The Fireside Center-Psychological and Educational Services and a School Psychologist at the Ashburnham/Westminster Regional School District. Dr. Fargo has over three decades of experience working in public schools, having served as a permanent substitute teacher, special needs counselor/case manager and school psychologist. He holds a B.M. in Music Education, M. Ed in Guidance and Counseling, M.A. in Clinical Psychology and an Ed.D. in Educational Psychology. He is currently completing a Ph.D. in Educational Studies. Dr. Vargo is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Dominick Vita has more than three decades in education, having served as a teacher, school counselor, director of pupil services and superintendent of schools. He holds a B.A. in History with a minor in Psychology and Education, M.A. in Counseling and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Vita is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.

Nicholas D. Young is currently the Superintendent of Schools for the Hadley Public Schools located in Hadley, MA. Dr. Young has more than two decades of experience in K-12 and higher education, having served as a special education teacher, principal, director of student services, college faculty member, college administrator, and superintendent of schools for many years. He holds fifteen academic degrees including, but not limited to, a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and an Ed.D. in Psychology. Additionally, Dr. Young has authored numerous publications in education and psychology and completed a distinguished Fulbright Program. He is a proposed member of the Board of Trustees for the Collegiate Charter School.