



Governance Council Chamblee Charter High School

Mission: To foster excellence by promoting the intellectual, social, moral and physical growth of every student.

2015 – 16 Governing Board Nominees



Kathy Wilson-Chu

Ms. Wilson-Chu is a **Director of Network Engineering in AT&T**, where she manages a group of engineers responsible for capacity management for wireless and wireline networks. She has held many different job positions in BellSouth, now AT&T in Mobility, Network, Wholesale Regulatory and BellSouth.net where she's worked for **over 30 years**. She has spoken at many technical conferences nationally and internationally.

Ms. Wilson-Chu has a **Mathematics Degree from Emory University**. She is on the Possible Woman Foundation Board of Directors, is the Past Chair of the Atlanta Women's Alliance and Past President of the Georgia Executive Women's Network, where she received the Founder's and Member Of The Year Awards. She also received one of AT&T's 2013 Champion of Diversity Awards. Her volunteer activities have included serving as a PTSA Officer for Chamblee Charter High School, an Associate Envoy for the Atlanta Olympics, the Reece Center for Handicapped Horsemanship, the Food Bank, Santa Workshop, Arts Festival, Festival of Cultures, Art of the Season, and teaching Sunday School and English as a Second Language.

Kathy plays tennis and is a former ALTA Team Captain, travels internationally and domestically, skis, and is the proud parent of Natalie Chu, CCHS 2013 graduate, who was a member of Chamblee's Varsity tennis team and Homecoming Court and is now studying at Georgia Tech.



Stephen Harmon, Ph.D.

Chair, Division of Learning Technologies at Georgia State University and E-Learning Consultant

I completed a masters and doctorate in instructional technology with a cognate in global policy studies at the University of Georgia. At the University of Houston I developed a masters program in Instructional Technology and improved the university's Educational Technology infrastructure.

I joined the faculty at Georgia State University in Middle, Secondary Education and Instructional Technology in 1996 first as an assistant and then as an associate professor. In addition to my academic appointments, in 2000 I became the Director of Educational Technology in the College of Education, and in 2006 Chair of the Division of Learning Technologies. My research focuses on educational uses of emerging technologies and I have been focusing on Web based learning for the last few years.

I have served as president of the Division of Learning and Performance Environments for the Association of Educational Communications and Technology and as program chair for the Association for the Development of Computer-based Instructional Systems. I am a past president of the Research and Theory Division of AECT. I have worked professionally with a wide variety of organizations including Atlanta Public Schools, the United States Air Force Academy, Delta Air Lines and CARE. Returning to my initial interest in instructional technology I have worked in several African countries, most recently as a consultant for USAID's Education for Development and Democracy Initiative in Botswana.

Specialties: elearning, Instructional Technology in Developing Countries, project evaluation



Matthew Harrison, Ph.D.

Currently at The Weather Company (aka The Weather Channel) he is Vice President of Talent Management, responsible for establishing enterprise-wide talent management processes and policies. In this role, he leads initiatives in the areas of performance management, employee/leadership development, corporate learning, diversity & inclusion, employee engagement, and organizational effectiveness.

Dr. Harrison also serves as an adjunct professor of psychology at The University of Georgia. He is a published diversity researcher--and is renowned for his research on the topic of colorism. His master's thesis received wide publicity, being featured on websites such as CNN, CNBC, and ABC News. His research study was also discussed on such popular syndicated radio shows as The Michael Eric Dyson Show and The Tom Joyner Morning Show, and has been reported in various newspapers across the country (as well as in the United Kingdom). Dr. Harrison also received an initial inquiry from an executive producer from The Oprah Winfrey Show regarding the study.

Dr. Harrison has authored a chapter for a general psychology college-level textbook, as well as chapters in several other books, in addition to authoring a number of academic journal articles. He currently serves as a member of the American Psychological Association, Society for Industrial Organizational Psychologists, Academy of Management, Southern Management Association, and the Atlanta Society of Applied Psychologists.

Dr. Harrison has been recognized as one of Atlanta's Power 30 Under 30 and named a Man of Influence by the Urban Influence magazine (the official magazine of the National Urban League) where he was listed alongside the likes of Chris Rock, Wyclef Jean, and Jamie Foxx.

Specialties: talent management, leadership development, 360 feedback/coaching, performance management, corporate learning, employee engagement, org. design, diversity and selection



Robert Joseph, Ph.D.

Robert Joseph is an information technology professional and entrepreneur. The co-founder of Team Internet Marketing, LLC and Cybernet Kids, LLC. he and his team have created dozens of websites and mobile applications as well as school information systems and online learning environments including:

- Cybernet Kids - an after-school and summer camp program teaching Web Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Safe Child Training - an online learning environment and self-assessment of preparedness for sleepovers and other child care situations. Raises awareness and provides screening tools designed to help parents identify and mitigate risks around safety, child abuse and molestation.

- DART - open source student information system used by the Berring Strait School District

- DrTeachMe - iPhone/iPad application that teaches javascript programming

Dr. Robert Joseph, the father of two boys, holds a B.S. and M.S. from MIT in Electrical Engineering and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon in Computer Science with an emphasis in Artificial Intelligence. He has over 30 years experience developing state-of-the-art technology working at companies including AT&T Bell Labs, US West and Sony as well as smaller companies like Freshwater Software and Kansei Interactive. He is also a professor, teaching professionally for more than 9 years undergraduate and graduate classes both online and on ground in Math and Computer Science.

During his doctoral studies, he developed Piano Tutor - a multi-media, self-guided learning environment which adapted to students' needs and progress to lead them to learn to play the piano using expert system technology.



Uday R. Kumar

**Executive Director, Business Operations,
Cox Communications, Atlanta
August 2012 to Present**

Experience:

**OPERA SOLUTIONS, Chicago, IL
September 2010 to August 2012
VP, Marketing Services Practice**

Opera Solutions is the largest independent predictive analytics company in the world, providing Big Data Analytics as an ongoing service to blue-chip clients.

**JPMORGAN - CHASE CARD SERVICES, Chicago, IL
July 2008 to August 2010**

Senior Vice-President/Segment Director, Retail Relationship Management

Managed all aspects of a \$6B retail co-branded credit card partnership, with \$2B in assets. Directed portfolio growth and profitability with marketing, analytical, finance, risk, and operations support. Conducted consumer research, negotiated contractual changes and exceeded profit goals.

Education

Ph.D. - Marketing Science, The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY, 1994

- Dissertation: Optimizing marketing programs by quantifying consumer choice trade-offs
- Supporting field: Economics

Master of Business Administration - Marketing, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, 1987

India's top MBA program

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Founded Grace Trust, a charitable foundation educating underprivileged children in India
- Serve on the board of Lydia, a child welfare non-profit organization in Chicago, 2007-present
- Served on the Board of **MOM**, an elderly care non-profit organization, 1997-'98
- Ardent tennis fan – play in several Chicago area leagues and tournaments
- Invited speaker on consumer marketing topics at:
 - The University of Chicago - Chicago Consulting Club
 - The Advertising Research Foundation's (ARF) Conference on Marketing ROI
 - The Marketing Science Conference by The Marketing Science Institute



Darron Kusman



Director of Finance August 2011 – Present (3 years) Greater Atlanta

Darron is Director of Finance at Church's Chicken where he is responsible for all aspects of cash and debt finance, treasury operations, and external financial reporting functions for over 1700 locations in 26 countries. Prior to joining Church's in August 2011, Darron oversaw delivery and development of The Hackett Group's global finance benchmark product where he served as an advisor to senior executives at multiple private, public, and Fortune 500 companies.

He is a skilled leader with a proven record of analyzing data, evaluating processes, and designing solutions that enhance profitability and improve business performance.

Darron began his career in 2004 as a member of Southwest Value Partners where he was responsible for analyzing investments ranging from 100-unit apartment complexes to professional sports organizations. He joined Accenture's Finance and Performance Management group in 2007; spearheading large assessment and transformation engagements in addition to serving an active role in developing Accenture's default and treasury management methodologies. More recently, he worked as Assistant Treasurer and Acting Director of Cash Management for UHS-Pruitt Corporation.

While pursuing his degrees Darron coached high school basketball and was selected as TIAL coach of the year in 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 as well as GISA coach of the year in 2006-2007. He is also a member of the AICPA and GSCPA and serves as Chairman of the City of Chamblee's Architectural Review Board.

Education:

Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in Finance, Management and Real Estate -- Emory University

Master of Professional Accountancy with Highest Distinction
Robinson College of Business (Georgia State University)

Specialties: Cash Management, Deal Management, Financial Risk Management, M&A Due Diligence and Integration, Deal Structuring and Negotiations, Financing, Corporate Finance, Real Estate Development and Investment, Treasury Operations, Bank Relationship Management, Process Reengineering, CBA, Lending Operations, Strategy Development, Working Capital Optimization, Employee Retention and Training, Project Management, Systems Implementation



Gregory Sale

Greg is a Chamblee High School alumnus and a lawyer with the firm of **Seyfarth Shaw LLP** in Atlanta.

Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Sr. Associate

Mr. Sale regularly provides clients with corporate governance advice and counseling regarding commercial contracts, as well as general corporate and commercial matters. An associate in the Corporate group, he concentrates his practice in two areas: alternative investments and securities, and middle market mergers and acquisitions. In the alternative investments and securities arena, Mr. Sale represents public

pension funds and other institutional investors in connection with their investments in private equity funds, hedge funds and other pooled investments. He also advises clients on public and private offerings of equity and debt and counsels clients on securities law compliance matters. With respect to middle-market mergers and acquisitions, Mr. Sale primarily represents companies in sales to strategic acquirers, as well as to venture capital funds, private equity funds and other financial investors. Mr. Sale is a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

Education

J.D., Columbia University School of Law (2005)
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
Articles Editor, Columbia Business Law Review

B.B.A., Emory University, with distinction (2002)
Dean's List

Community Nexus

Greg and his wife, Jyoti Sharma, M.D., a Cardiologist at Piedmont Heart Institute in Atlanta, are both graduates of Chamblee Charter High School (class of 1998). Greg and Jyoti have recently returned home to Atlanta after studying and working in New York and Houston. They are enjoying reconnecting with their friends and their roots in and around Atlanta, and are eager re-engage with, and be of service to, CCHS.