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WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NAMES NINE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Dallas, Texas, March 30, 2015. Nine outstanding community leaders have been named to the board of directors of the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation. Three people have already been serving on the board of directors for several months. **Amy Jones** is serving on the Scholarship Committee and **Spencer Patterson** chairs the Financial Assistance Committee.

Monica Latin as well as six of the newest members, **Derek Hopf, Lacey LaPointe, Dustin Marshall, Cheryl Camin Murray, Eric Schenkelberg,** and **Anne Thomas**, serve on the board's Needs Assessment Advisory Committee, which is chaired by **Alise Cortez; Patricia Arvanitis** is co-chair.

Foundation President **Richard H. Vitale** said, "The Needs Assessment Advisory Committee is charged with discovering and evaluating specific needs within the schools of the Woodrow feeder pattern. Further, the committee enlists individuals and organizations that can help address the stated needs. We feel the work of this committee is one of the most important things our Foundation does, especially because in most cases, the needs we identify extend to the entire public education system."

Vitale added, "The scope and the urgency facing this committee made it imperative to increase the number of people who can contribute in a meaningful way. We are fortunate that these experts in their fields are eager to serve the Woodrow community."

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Alise Cortez added, “Each of our new board members brings stellar credentials, but more important, each one has deep and specific expertise in our target concerns: programs for intervention, prevention and enrichment strategies for schools in the feeder pattern.”

In the last few months two other long-time members, **Jason Kulas** and **Mary Hendrix**, have transitioned off the board of directors. “Jason and Mary asked to step down, citing increased responsibilities in their regular jobs,” explained Vitale. “Because of the demands placed on our working board, the time constraints can all too easily conflict with other obligations. We thank Jason and Mary for all they have contributed over the years and are pleased that they will stay in close touch with our Foundation.”

A complete list of board members and their biographies is available on the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation website: <http://www.woodrowfoundation.org/about.php>

The Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation was created in 2009 and serves as a central point for fundraising, grants, scholarships, and other programs and projects that benefit Woodrow as well as the public middle and elementary schools in its feeder pattern. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is completely independent of the Dallas Independent School District.

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****New Board members are noted with asterisks.*

Patricia Arvanitis is the executive director of Leadership ISD.

Bruce Bradford is president & CEO of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Alise Cortez, PhD is a learning and development consultant in Dallas and principal of Alise Cortez and Associates.

Paul Dalton is the principal of Dalton Law. He is an alumnus of Woodrow Wilson High School, and President of the Woodrow Wilson High School Alumni Association.

Gary E. Griffith, a Woodrow Wilson High School alumnus, is the president of the Today Foundation and a former member of the Dallas City Council.

Jody Hodges is senior vice president with Bank of Texas

*****Derek Hopf** is the senior development associate of Reasoning Mind.

***** Amy Jones** is the international tax compliance senior manager at Texas Instruments.

*****Monica Latin** chairs Carrington Coleman's business litigation practice

*****Lacey LaPointe** is vice president of advancement for the Dallas Zoo.

*****Dustin Marshall** is CEO of Hazel's Hot Shot, an expedited freight and logistics company headquartered in Dallas.

Emily Martin is managing partner of Thompson & Martin Strategic Communications and director of the Park Cities Baptist Church Library.

Michael Morath represents District 2 on the Board of Trustees of the Dallas Independent School District.

*****Cheryl Camin Murray** is corporate healthcare shareholder at Winstead PC.

*****Spencer Patterson** is the founding principal of Spencer C. Patterson, P.C. His practice focuses on various aspects of intellectual property law.

***** Eric Schenkelberg** is the vice president of operations of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas, including the YMCA at White Rock.

Susan Schuerger is a community volunteer and chairman of the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Council.

Kenneth Sheets is the Texas State Representative for District 107.

Leigh Straughn is a community volunteer and an alumna of Woodrow Wilson High School.

*****Anne Thomas is executive director of AVANCE-Dallas.**

Tanner Vick is a senior manager in the transaction advisory services group with Riveron Consulting LP.

Richard H. Vitale is senior vice president with Bank of America and an alumnus of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Lon R. Williams, Jr., a labor and employment attorney, is shareholder with Polsinelli Shughart PC in Dallas