

Brookstone Schools

Board of Directors & Administrators

Miller Porterfield

Retired Engineer, Union Carbide Chemical Corporation

Miller Porterfield and his wife retired to Charlotte in 1998. Porterfield was employed in various management positions with Union Carbide Chemical Corp. for 38 years with his last assignment being General Manager of a joint venture in France. He graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1960 and later obtained an MBA degree from West Virginia University in 1965. He is a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church. His affiliation with Brookstone began as a volunteer and his involvement has steadily increased.



Sam Cornwell

Insurance Agent, Lincoln Financial

Sam Cornwell is a native of Charlotte and graduate of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C. He works for Lincoln Financial, formerly Jefferson Pilot Insurance, and has been a field agent for 52 years. An active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, he has been directly involved in many outreach ministries in Charlotte. In 1996 he was co-founder of the Charlotte Leadership Forum whose mission is to train young men and women in Christian character, servant hood, family leadership and kingdom building. Cornwell was one of the founders of Brookstone and has served on the board since 2001.

Mollie Faison

Community Advocate

Mollie Faison is a native of Goldsboro, NC and a graduate of UNC- Chapel Hill. She has lived in Charlotte since 1966. In addition to being one of the founders of Brookstone Schools, Mollie has been involved in numerous civic projects both locally and nationally. She has been on numerous boards, including Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, the Charlotte Symphony, Charlotte Christian School, the New Beginnings foundation and others. Faison also served on the Presidential Advisory Committee at the Kennedy Center.

Miller Byne

Retired District Manager, Chemical Products Group of FMC Corporation

Mr. Byne had a 38 year career in the Chemical Products Group of FMC Corporation. At the time of his retirement, he was serving as a District Manager for the company. He is a graduate of Davidson College. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Over the years, he has been involved in numerous civic and ministry projects. He was one of the founders of Brookstone Schools and currently serves on the Charlotte advisory board of Gordon-Conwell Seminary.

Courtenay Miller

Financial Advisor Consolidated Planning, Inc.

Mr. Miller is founding director of Brookstone Schools. He is responsible for all business-related matters for Brookstone. He is a native of Concord and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BS degree in Business Administration. Mr. Miller has spent his working career in the financial services industry. He is employed as a financial advisor with Consolidated Planning, Inc. He is active at Myers Park United Methodist Church and also volunteers as a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America.

Dean Jones

Development YMCA

Dean is the Chief Development Officer and Senior Vice President for Community Development and Financial Development for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. He also has operational responsibilities for one of the Association's urban branches. He led Charlotte's successful \$50 million comprehensive campaign, raising \$57 million for capital, endowment and annual support. He is a graduate of Davidson College and worked in their Development office for 15 years prior to joining the Y in 2000. Dean and his wife, Jane, an attorney, have three children Tanner, Nate and Sarah Grace.

Becky Pitts-Consultant

Professional Protocol

Becky Pitts, a native of Charlotte, was trained and certified by The Protocol School of Washington in Washington, DC. She is a member of the Protocol and Diplomacy International Protocol Officers Association. Becky worked for Bank of America for a number of years but currently works as a professional consultant to individuals, corporations and institutions. She is active in her church and various community associations.

Carole Ardizzone

Television, Educator

Mrs. Ardizzone has a strong background in early childhood education with an emphasis on working with children with learning disabilities. She holds a Masters Degree in education and is an expert in neurological development. Mrs. Ardizzone has over 17 years of classroom experience in teaching students from low-income areas in both Charlotte and Atlanta. She has published articles in numerous newsletters and has co-authored a perceptual training handbook for teachers. She has served on numerous boards and produced her own television show called 'Raising an Amazing Generation'. Carole is one of the founders of Brookstone Schools and has served on the board since its opening.

Donald Larson

Headmaster, Brookstone Schools

Dr. Larson previously served as Superintendent of Rocky Bayou Christian Schools, Niceville, FL and is a retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel. He flew combat missions in Desert Storm and Afghanistan, and served as Deputy Commander for Joint Special Operations Air Component for Iraq and Afghanistan. He holds a BS from LSU in Quantitative Business Analysis/Computer Science, a Masters in Social Science from Syracuse University, a Masters of Military Art and Science from Air University, and a PhD in Education from Capella University.

Suzanne Wilson

Director of Development, Brookstone Schools

Suzanne Wilson, who served as Brookstone's principle administrator for 8 years, is now heading up the development team. She has a BA from Emory University, a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, and a Certification in Learning Disabilities from UNC-Charlotte. While living abroad, Suzanne did instructional research with the Scottish Education Department. Since her return to the US in 1993, she has been involved in education in both the public and private sectors. She holds deep convictions about the role of urban Christian schools in shaping leaders of the next generation.