

**PROFILE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**SOUTH TECH ACADEMY**

- The Board of Directors represents a diverse group of people with a wide range of experience and expertise. The Board includes representatives of the school community, including parents and business and community leaders. A brief description of each Board Director follows:
  - **Baize, Donna:** Mrs. Baize originates from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she received an Associates Degree in Business Major in Accounting Management. Mrs. Baize has extensive experience working in schools in Palm Beach County in various roles on a voluntary basis. She is the mother of two South Tech students.
  - **Bloom, Aram C.:** Mr. Bloom is an Associate with the Sach Sax Caplan Law Firm in Boca Raton, FL. He received his BA in Art History with a minor in Spanish from Trinity College in Hartford, CT. Mr. Bloom graduated Cum Laude from the Boston University School of Law. He has Bar Memberships in Florida, Massachusetts; Rhode Island; United States District Court, Massachusetts, United States District Court, Rhode Island.
  - **Bosselman, George:** George was born and raised in the Midwest and moved to Florida over 35 years ago. He is an International Business Facilitator and assists individuals with their personal finances. He has a Masters Degree in Business Management and a Doctorate in International Business. George attended public schools all his life and has served on several school boards while his children were growing up. He has a daughter who is a junior at South Tech. He also serves on several other boards in the community. He, his wife and daughter enjoy traveling in the United States and abroad.
  - **Burdsall, Jeannie:** Dr. Burdsall is retired after thirty-five years in the School District of Palm Beach County, where she was the Manager of the Department of Professional Standards.
  - **Davis, Steven:** Mr. Davis is the Manager of Workforce Development at Bethesda Healthcare Systems in Boynton Beach, Florida. He is responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining comprehensive management and staff development programs for the organization. He also partners with Human Resources to provide supportive services with regards to performance management and the development of appropriate action plans. Mr. Davis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from St. Leo College, a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Development from Florida International University, and an MBA from Florida Memorial University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University.
  - **Dunson, Sr., Roger:** Mr. Dunson grew up in Fort Lauderdale and after graduating from high school, joined the U.S. Army Security Agency and spent three and a half years in Japan. He later graduated from Palm

Beach Junior College and received his BBA Degree from Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Dunson has spent 34 years in the Securities Industry as a Financial Advisor. He is currently Assistant Branch Manager with Raymond James and Associates and previously worked with A.G. Edwards and Sons for 32 years. Mr. Dunson lives in the Boynton Beach/Lake Worth area since 1970. He and his wife, Elaina have four children and five grandchildren and his hobbies are golf, fishing and traveling. Mr. Dunson has been a member of the Boynton Beach/Lantana Rotary Club since 1986, serving in various capacities. He has been a volunteer for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts as well as coach and referee for various youth organizations.

- **Ernst, Nancy E.:** Mrs. Ernst has been in the banking profession for 38 years and most recently, served as Vice President, Branch Manager of Bank United in Boynton Beach. She is originally from the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan, relocating to Boynton Beach in 1990. She and her husband David have one daughter who lives in northern Minnesota with her husband. Mrs. Ernst also has two step-sons that live with their families in the St. Louis, Missouri area. Mrs. Ernst is active in the Boynton Beach community, serving on the board of the Boynton Cultural Centre a/k/a The Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, as well as The Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- **Handy, Nicole L.:** Mrs. Handy received her B.S. from the University of Central Florida and her M.S. in Psychology and Counseling from Troy State University. She had been a Principal/Administrator at charter schools, contract schools. and at a Residential Treatment Center for over 10 years. Mrs. Handy is currently the Chief Executive Officer of a non-profit consulting company. She has resided in Palm Beach County since 2001 but has been a Florida resident since 1981.
- **Holtz, Susan Fein, ED.D:** Sue Holtz is currently a Realtor with the Keyes Co. in Palm Beach County. She is also a Curriculum Consultant and part owner of Techno-Ware Inc., an ESL software distribution company. Prior to arriving in Florida five years ago, Dr. Holtz was the Elementary Principal at Village Park School /Pennsbury School District in Bucks County, Pa. In addition, she held positions as a Reading Supervisor in the Abington School District and the School District of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. Her major area of expertise is in Reading and Language Arts instruction. She has taught courses on Reading and has run the Reading Clinic for Arcadia University in Pennsylvania. Her education degrees include a Masters and Doctorate from Temple University in Curriculum and Instruction; Reading Certification and Supervisor of Reading Certification from the University of Pennsylvania; and School Administrative/Superintendent Certification from Widener University.
- **Jarrett, Peter A.:** Mr. Jarrett is a retired educator from New Hampshire, where he began his career as a high school social studies and English teacher. After a time, he became a guidance counselor, followed by a role in administration, where he served for fifteen years in a variety of

vocational programs. Mr. Jarrett holds a doctorate degree in education from Vanderbilt University, and has been an adjunct faculty member in the social sciences at several colleges. He has recently published a first novel titled Zlavik.

- **Kesten, Robert M.:** Mr. Kesten received his Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management from Florida International University. He continued his studies in law and graduated from Brooklyn Law School, and is a member of the New York and Florida Bars. Mr. Kesten served two terms as Village Justice in Monticello, New York his hometown before moving to Palm Beach County. Mr. Kesten works with Leslie Robert Evans & Associates, P.A. in Palm Beach.
- **Kidd, James R.:** Mr. Kidd is the Chief Administrative Officer of South Tech Academy and serves as the school representative to the Governing Board.
- **Lewis, Catherine:** Mrs. Lewis is a Realtor, Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) and Seniors Real Estate Specialist, with Bristol Properties International in Boca Raton. She was formerly a Parent Liaison working with parents with children with disabilities for the Palm Beach County School District. She was also a mediator for the Florida Department of Education. She has over 20 years experience working in management and human resources with Fortune 500 companies. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Board. Her son Patrick graduated from South Tech in May of 2005.
- **McKoy, Carl:** Mr. McKoy has served as a Boynton Beach City Commissioner. He is co-founder of the Juvenile Transition Center and now serves as a volunteer. He is First Vice President of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, President of the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials, serves on the Board of Directors for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, serves as a member for the Florida League of Cities, and is a business owner. Mr. McKoy has worked as an Investigative Television News Reporter, Assignment Editor/Reporter, and a Private Investigator.
- **Notter, James F.:** Mr. Notter began his career in 1972 and has served 39 years in public education, including 29 years in administrative roles and ten years as a classroom teacher. In 1986 he and his family relocated from upstate New York to Broward County, where Mr. Notter progressed through the organizational ranks, serving in a variety of administrative roles including North Central Area Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff and five years as Superintendent of Schools, before retiring in June of 2011. Mr. Notter continues his work through his company, Educational Leadership Services, LLC. He has served in many leadership roles in our community including the Urban League, Children Services Council, United Way, Workforce One, Broward Workshop and Greater Ft. Lauderdale Economic Development Council. Mr. Notter is a graduate of the University at Buffalo with a BS degree in education and earned a MS degree in administration from

Niagara University in Niagara Falls, New York. He completed Florida postgraduate certification work at Florida International University and the University of Miami and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program for Organizational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida.

- **Sluth, John:** Chief Sluth was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised on the North Shore of Long Island. He and his family moved to Lantana, Florida in 1969 and have lived there ever since. Chief Sluth was elected councilman for the Town of Lantana and was a firefighter with the town for nine years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. He worked for the Independent Fire District #8 as their Fire Chief and helped with consolidation of all the fire districts in 1984 to form Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. As Battalion Chief, he worked in several areas of the consolidated department: Management Services, Training, Support Services and Executive Branch. He attended and graduated from the National Fire Service Academy in Emmitsburg, MD as an Executive Fire Officer. He was elected to and serves as the secretary of the Town of Lantana's Fire Fighter/Paramedic Benevolent Fund. He is currently employed as the Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.
- **Zimmerman, Donald:** Mr. Zimmerman has been involved in Education all of his life. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School and graduated in 1951. He graduated from the City College of New York with a degree in Industrial Arts in 1955 and went on to receive his Master's in Education at the City College in 1964. He received over thirty credit hours above Masters at New York University, Colorado State University, and C.W. Post. He has served as an instructor, an Instructional Coordinator, and later, Vice Principal at Central Islip Senior High School, Central Islip, New York. He is now retired.