

# SissyMarySue

## EDUCATION FUND

**Founder, Executive Director/Servant Leader, Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser a.k.a SissyMarySue**

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## BOARD of DIRECTORS

**Bios & Pictures (alphabetical) of our Formidable Board of Directors (15)**



**Toby Tomlinson Baker, Ph.D.**

**Research: ADHD, accommodations, advocacy, best practices, disabilities, faculty, Institutional policy**

**Toby Tomlinson Baker has earned her Ph.D. from Pepperdine University in educational leadership and change. Currently, Dr. Baker is a professor of Special Education Law at California State University-Los Angeles (CSULA). Her expertise is self-advocacy for postsecondary students with disabilities, special education policy, and best teaching practices for higher education faculty. Additionally, Dr. Baker is a special educator with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She was recognized as a Top Performing Educator in 2020. Dr. Baker was awarded the Harrison Sylvester Award for her research by the Learning Disability Association of America (LDA) and has been CHADD's 2018 Educator of the Year.**

**Dr. Baker leads SissyMarySue Education Fund College Planning Committee as Chair and serves on the Education Committee.**



## **Karen Collins. M.S, M.S, M.Ed**

### **(Vice President of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** Born

Karen A. White in 1964. Karen migrated from Jamaica West Indies (J.A.) to the USA in 1983. She first lived in Connecticut with her mother, aunt and siblings. She graduated high school and next attended Stone Academy Business School in New Haven Connecticut, in 1986. She worked from 1986-88 as a secretary in New Haven at Hartford Insurance Company, in Commercial lines. In 1988 she relocated to Springfield Massachusetts to work for Lenox American Saw Manufacturing Company. She married Floyd V. Collins in 1991. Together Karen and Floyd have three beautiful children. Ingrid was born 1993, Sean 1995 and Dwayne 1996! Karen is part owner at Aztec Automotive repair and sales with her husband. Karen is a family mental health clinician since 2015, where she serves at-risk 10–19-year-olds. She works to be a powerful source of support in work and practices her determined promising approach and energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed. Her husband, their three children and four grandchildren inspire her daily! She attends church regularly and loves Gospel music and babysitting her four grandchildren!

1985 to 1986 – Diploma, Word Processing, Stone Academy Business School, 2006 to 2010 – B.A. in Finance, Small Business Development, University Without Walls at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. 2010 to 2011 – M.S. in Human Services, Springfield College, Springfield MA. 2011 to 2015 – M.Ed. in Marriage and Family, Mental Health and Addiction Therapy, Cambridge College, Springfield, MA. 2016 to 2019 – Major in Early Childhood Development Ph.D. program, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA. Transferred within Fielding Graduate University, 2020 into Human Development (H.D.), Ph.D. program; obtained an M.S. in Human Development. Continues to pursue a doctoral Ph.D. degree in H.D. Karen A. Collins' goal is to complete the H.D. Ph.D. degree program and continue her work in the mental health field.

**Karen Collins serves on Executive, Education and Funraising/Marketing Committees with SissyMarySue Education Fund.**



**Dr. Susan Eddington, Ph.D** President of Ecocurrian

Inc., is a Media Psychology scholar/practioner and accredited public relations counselor (APR), a Fellow of the Marie Fielder Center for Democracy, Leadership and Education and a Fellow of the Institute for Social Innovation at Fielding Graduate University. An award-winning management consultant, Dr. Susan Eddington has more than 35 years' experience developing evidence-based strategies to address inter-group relations and increase diversity, equity, and inclusion for governmental, political, and private sector organizations. As president of Ecocurrian, she leads a multi-disciplinary collective that develops content across media platforms to promote pro-social behavior. The Ecocurrian team includes scholars/practioners, writers, artists, and IT professionals who meld the art and science of communication grounded in theoretical principals from psychology and neuroscience to develop communications strategy, diversity, equity and inclusion strategies, training programs, and other technology-based solutions influences on attitudes and behavior and their consequences in the social reality of society and marginalized groups.

My research interests include media representations, media effects, inter-group relations, social identity, gender empowerment and sustainability. I am currently conducting a study of media representations of music videos that encourage self-love and acceptance using a social identity and gender empowerment framework.

Dr. Susan Eddington serves on Finance, Committee with SissyMarySue Education Fund.



**Dr. Lenneal J. Henderson, PhD (President of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)**

**Dr. Lenneal Henderson is currently Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Eminent Scholar at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia as well as a Mentoring Faculty member of the Educational Leadership for Change Doctoral Program of the Fielding Graduate University. He is also currently a Fellow of the International City/County Management Association in Washington, D.C. He was formerly a Visiting Faculty member in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary; Distinguished Professor of Public and International Affairs; Senior Fellow of the Schaefer Center for Public Policy and Assistant Dean of the College of Public Affairs at the University of Baltimore; Head and Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Senior Faculty Member, Federal Executive Institute; Professor, School of Business and Public Administration at Howard University; Director of Ethnic Studies at the University of San Francisco**

**He has worked in the U.S. Department of Energy, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Department of State. He was also Chair of the Mayor's Budget Commission for the District of Columbia and a Board Member of the National Civic League. He has Chaired the Boards of the Greater Baltimore Urban League and the Maryland Humanities Council and is currently on the Boards of Virginia Humanities and LifeNet Health, Inc.**

**He also has written and performed one-man plays about Thurgood Marshall, A. Philip Randolph, Howard Thurman, Robert Weaver and W.E.B. DuBois throughout the nation, often as fundraising activities.**

**He was a Kellogg National Fellow and a Ford Foundation, National Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He received his B.A, M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. He currently lives in Claremont, Virginia.**

**Dr. Lenneal Henderson serves on Executive and Fundraising/Marketing and Education Committees for SissyMarySue Education Fund.**



**Anthony Hotakainen Anthony Hotakainen is a Senior in High School at Lakes International Language Academy. He has worked as an intern for SissyMarySue since 2018, when he was a part of the original musical adaptation of *Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope* with Children's Performing Arts (CPA). Since then, he has assisted in releasing the musical songs from**

that as an album online, as well as Sparkle Sparkle and One Child Cries as singles. Additionally, he assisted SissyMarySue a.k.a Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser in the editing and creation of her dissertation documentary video as well as other videos and media. He writes and records his own music and has released a full solo Christmas album. Anthony aspires to continue music and sound work beyond high school as well as lending his talents to SissyMarySue. Anthony loves to sing being a part of his Church choir, school band, and numerous theatrical performances. He has been in 13 plus shows including; Godspell, Jesus Christ Superstar, Fiddler on the Roof, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, In His Image, Singing in the Rain, The Rough-Face Girl, Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope, Music Man, Little Shop of Horrors, Runaway Learning Machine, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, as well as show choir. Additionally, he has student-directed or designed sound for Jungle Book Jr, Frozen Jr, camps at CPA, and more. Anthony has also been on 7 mission trips, 6 were to Jamaica with St. Andrews Lutheran Church. He even sang *One Child Cries* (written by SissyMarySue) in Jamaica once! The groups worked in schools and communities in Kingston building small homes, teaching, painting, building various things, and getting to know people. It has impacted his life in ways nothing else could and he can't wait to return.

Anthony serves as Chair of the Education Committee for SissyMarySue Education Fund.



**De'Arris Judkins** is an Audio Engineer, Artist Consultant, Producer and Musician. In this role, De'Arris; records, coaches, even arranges music and content of all genres. This ranges from film, audio books, podcasts and commercial content. As a Professional and Artist, De'Arris may seem to wear many hats, within his field but his core focus has remained a constant. It is in that of Leadership, Unity, and Mentorship (both received and given). He passes his knowledge and perspective down to his peers and loved ones. De'Arris has been actively working in his field for 8 years. He has pushed the boundaries, to get the absolute most out of his education from IPR (Minneapolis based audio-recording college) by spending countless hours in the studio, and advocating for himself. In spite of knowing he had a learning disability, De'Arris learned early on, that he was as competent as his peers. He reflected -that before college, while it may have taken him a little longer to understand certain curriculum, this actually empowered him to speak up for himself, when he didn't understand. De'Arris is passionate about empowering those around him. He believes that when you speak life into those around you, you have the power to change the world.

De'Arris Wayne Judkins serves on Fundraising/Marketing and Education committees.





**Dr. Lugene Rhiki Kennebrew** Dr. Lugene Rihki is the CEO of VIVIFY-Def Anointed International. VIVIFY-Def Anointed International encompasses a full range of production services, including educational tutorials, multi-genre music, & film production. A 30 year veteran of the professional music industry he has an extensive discography that spans that time. Dr. K is an educator, film composer, documentarian, & social activist. Rikki's current full-length project is the VIVIFY-Prosodic. The VIVIFY-Prosodic is a 50-song multi-genre mixtape written & produced by Rihki as part of his doctoral dissertation for Fielding Graduate University. As a way of expanding his academic pedagogy and expertise, Dr. K is now earning his Licensure Portfolio and certification in Secondary English.

He has collaborated with some of the world's most gifted musical artists & performers. Dr. K has the distinct honor of performing at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater, Chicago's Regal Theater, and Philadelphia's Uptown Theater. He gained invaluable knowledge performing with Indigenous, Latino, West Indian, and Caribbean artists. Those experiences deepened his understanding of the wide wonderful world of Indigenous, Afro-Futurism, Afro-Cuban, and Latino-Brazilian music approaches. A member of the BMI & The Recording Academy collectively for over 30 years, his songwriting & publishing catalog includes more than two thousand songs spanning all genres of music.

Dr. K's passion for the performing arts resounds in his daily lived experience and cultural narrative. He has a unique intersectionality of academia, filmmaking, and music production. In 2010 Dr. K partnered with Dr. Barbara Storper of Food-Play Productions to produce several national educational theatrical productions for his company EAT KOOL. Kool is a nutritional entertainment company educating young people about obesity prevention through highly interactive theatrical productions. EAT KOOL productions flagship character was Charisma N. Trisha Good!

**Dr. Lugene Kennebrew serves on Education and Fundraising/Marketing committees.**



**Lisa Laubach, M.S** earned her Master's in Physical

Therapy from the College of St. Scholastica in 2003. She has practiced as a licensed physical therapist for 17 years with NovaCare Rehabilitation, a Select Medical Company. Since 2004, she has served as clinic manager for the St. Cloud/Sartell NovaCare location. Several years during this time were also spent as a market manager overseeing operations of multiple clinics in the Northwest Minnesota region. Clinically, she treats a multitude of orthopedic disorders with a special interest in chronic pain management as a Pain Care Yoga certified clinician.

Lisa Laubach serves on our Fundraising/Marketing Committee.



**Jonathan E. Luckey Sr., M.Ed,** Educator, Father, doctoral

student at St. Cloud State in the final stage of Dissertation. I have fifteen years of teaching experience (K-12 public and private, Social Studies, Special Education, and Higher Education (undergraduate and graduate/doctoral levels) and years of Administrative experience in the private sector. As an administrator in Minnesota, I created programs and built them into lasting legacies. I earned two degrees (B.A. in Political Science, M.A. in Secondary Education) from Loyola Marymount University, located in Los Angeles, CA. I am currently working on my third degree, as I have recently completed my coursework for my Doctorate in Education and Administrative Leadership at St. Cloud State University, in Minnesota.

Jonathan Luckey serves on our Education Committee.



**Michelle Melcher (Assistant Treasurer of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** Michelle came to MN when she was three years old and continues to build my life here. She has a wonderful husband Glenn of 20 years and three handsome sons Andrew, Josh and Christopher. She is a lead volunteer coordinator for her church, raising funds two to three times a year for our Youth missionary trip. She's employed full time, with the same company for over 20 years and works part time on a case-by-case basis. She loves to go for walks, enjoying the nature. Creating memories with her family and friends to laugh with and share stories is her favorite.

**Michelle Melcher serves on our Executive and Finance Committees.**



**Mary Rathsabandith** was born and raised in St. Cloud, MN. Mary is the youngest of five to first generation immigrants who moved to the U.S. from Laos. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree at St. Cloud State University majoring in Business Computer Information Systems with a minor in Human Relations. During her time there she co-founded the Asian Students in Action organization and was a recipient of the Excellence in Leadership award. She is a devoted wife, mother to six children and an IT Senior Test Engineer at Delta Air Lines, Inc.

**Mary Rathsabandith serves on our Fundraising/Marketing Committee.**





**Cornelius Rish, M.Ed** has dedicated his professional career to education as a teacher, principal, professional development facilitator, youth retreat organizer and facilitator, instructional coach, athletic coach, and theater director. Using equity as a guide, Cornelius strives to help students be their best selves while helping schools recognize and address educational inequities. Cornelius has received many awards and recognitions throughout his education career, including receiving the Minnesota Peace Prize for his efforts to change the culture and climate in schools. He has a Master's Degree in Education. He serves as Cultural Liaison for Stillwater Schools.

Cornelius serves on our Education and Fundraising/Marketing Committees.



**Frank Rojas, PhD (Treasurer of Board-SissyMarySue Educaion Fund)**

Dr. Frank Rojas is a missionally-oriented leader committed to helping organizations reach their full potential. He is an expert in assisting organizations in shape strategy, developing people, and design processes that lead to flourishing teams with a purpose. Dr. Rojas has extensive experience building profitable growth and return on investment in for-profit and non-profit organizations, primarily with post-secondary educational institutions globally. He advocates for providing access to educational opportunities for all learners, especially those marginalized by the way systems are built. Through his work, Dr. Rojas passionately enables universities across the globe to meet marginalized learners' needs. Dr. Rojas creates value through a customer-centric approach to both internal and external constituents. As an executive leader, he has an extensive background in start-up organizations. He is known for quickly impacting top-line revenue by developing and executing global go-to-market strategies. Dr. Rojas also believes in developing people with a systematic approach to helping up-in-

coming leaders reach their full potential by leveraging their strengths while improving development opportunities. His leadership style is adaptable and proven in multi-national organizations with sensitivity to organizational and social differences while delivering results for parent organizations. He currently serves Los Angeles Pacific University as their Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, and a visiting professor. He is also a visiting professor at Abilene Christian University in their Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership program.

Dr. Rojas has earned a Ph.D. in Organizational Development and Change through the Fielding Graduate University. He has also completed a Masters in Organization Leadership through Fielding and an Executive MBA through Pepperdine University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration through DeVry University. Dr. Rojas believes in serving with a purpose. He sits on the Executive Council and Strategic Taskforce for the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. Additionally, he is the chair of the leadership and congregational development committee. Dr. Rojas and his family worship at Saint Thomas of Canterbury in Temecula, CA. Dr. Rojas also serves as the Bishop's Warden for the congregation. For self-care, Dr. Rojas and his wife ride Harley Davidsons motorcycles. They always wear helmets! They are part of the Temecula Valley Black Sheep Harley Davidsons for Christ club, a worldwide motorcycle ministry whose mission is to bring the Gospel to other motorcyclists.

Dr. Frank Rojas serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and serves on the Education and Executive Committees.



**Brynne Schroeder, PhD (Secretary of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** Dr. Brynne Schroeder is a community outreach coordinator, researcher, and college instructor. In her role at Webster University, Brynne fosters partnerships with organizations committed to the empowerment of youth through education. She also leads initiatives to raise awareness about the School of Education's programs and hosts a podcast covering topics relevant to educators, students, and families. As an instructor, Brynne teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on psychology and education. She worked as a school outreach specialist and mental health counselor prior to her career in higher education.

Brynne holds memberships in the Community Development Society and Association for Psychological Science. Her research interests include: social and emotional predictors of academic success, identity formation, and college preparedness.

Dr. Brynne Schroeder serves as Chair of both the Executive and Fundraising/Marketing Committees for SissyMarySue Education Fund.



## **GREGORY T. WILLIAMS, PhD**

As a research and policy analyst born and raised in Northeast Tennessee, Dr. Greg Williams's Ph.D. studies have connected complex data to reveal voter-fraud disinformation. He is a scholar-practitioner in Human and Organizational Systems. Specifically, he is motivated by researching democracy and voter suppression issues via data analyses and publishing and advocating policies and practices that produce real-world differences. His dissertation's title was "How Can Truth-Claims of Voter Fraud Influence Public Policy? A Political Discourse Analysis." It revealed: 1) how racism triggers deception and 2) that voter-ID advocates cite no empirical evidence to support their misleading and false allegations of widespread voter fraud. On this subject and issues of economic inequality, he has published and presented multiple papers at national conferences.

He has engaged extensively in nonprofit policy work. Currently, he is a Founding Board member of Count Us Indiana, a nonprofit organization committed to uplifting citizens' voices and fostering inclusive, equitable political participation. It encourages diverse voter turnout, educates citizens on voting rights, combats voter suppression, and builds political equity by cultivating partnerships. He also is a Research Fellow with Fielding Graduate University's Marie Fielder Center for Democracy, Leadership, and Education.

**Dr. Gregory T. Williams serves on the Education Committee for SissyMarySue Education Fund.**