

LEADERSHIP OWENSBORO CLASS OF 2019



Dr. Angela Ash

Owensboro Community and Technical College

Dr. Angela Ash is an Associate Professor of History at Owensboro Community and Technical College, as well as Coordinator of the Hager Scholars Program. Dr. Ash also serves as Board member and Secretary of the Owensboro Area World Affairs Council, an organization devoted to advancing global understanding in our community. A recent Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Ash conducted research in Poland during the summer of 2018 in order to develop a curriculum project which will be implemented in her European History courses. She is married to F. Martin Higdon and they have a beautiful daughter named Grace Elizabeth.



David Boarman

Owensboro Municipal Utilities

David was born and raised in Daviess County and is currently the IT Systems Supervisor at Owensboro Municipal Utilities. Among other duties, he helps support the server and network infrastructure that comprise their enterprise systems. David has an AAS in Electrical Engineering Technology from Owensboro Community College, a BS in Computer Information Technology from Western Kentucky University and an MBA from the University of Southern Indiana. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife of 22 years, Misty, and their two children: Allison (a high school senior) and Ellis (7th grade).



Audrey Collins

Administrative Office of the Courts

Audrey Collins grew up in Hopkins County, KY. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree of Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University in 2007. She began her work with the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts in 2007. Audrey has served as the Program Supervisor/Recovery Coordinator of Daviess County Drug Court since 2014. She began pursuing a Master's of Public Administration from Western Kentucky University in the fall of 2016 and is scheduled to graduate in December of this year. She has served as the Vice Chair for the Daviess County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP) since 2016. Audrey lives in Owensboro with her husband, Ryan, and two small children.

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Andrea Crabtree

BB&T

Andrea Crabtree has worked in banking at BB&T for the past 21 years. Promoting to various divisions in the bank, she found her career passion in trust and financial planning. Aiding clients in planning out their financial legacy for future generations, and experiencing these legacies come to fruition, is such a rewarding experience for her. Andrea also actively participates in various ministries at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She loves sharing her faith and walking alongside others in their spiritual journey. Andrea is married to Tim. They enjoy raising their 2 sons, Coleman & Connor, in Owensboro.



Laura Ruth Edge

L. Ruth Interior Design

Laura Ruth Edge is an Owensboro native who adores her hometown. The youngest of seven children, she was born and raised into a large, loving family who has been involved in the community for many years. She is a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School and a Graduate of Interior Design from The University of Alabama. She worked for Hubbuch and Company out of Louisville, KY for 2.5 years. In October of 2008, she opened L. Ruth Interior Design and enjoys working to maintain and help keep the spaces of Owensboro beautiful and functional. She stays busy with her family, friends, and designing as well as missing her dad in Heaven. She loves to sing karaoke and dance and enjoys funny movies, real conversation, the beach, traveling, watching football and baseball, attempting to play golf and the performing arts. She is involved in several organizations such as the Women's Guild of Owensboro, Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, and Right to Life of Owensboro.



Amber Farmer

Disaster Team

Amber Farmer is the Marketing Representative for Disaster Team/Building by Wayne Baker. She has been with Disaster Team for 13 years and although she has been doing marketing for almost 2 years, she has also been involved with every aspect of the company. Everything Amber has done up to this point in her career has prepared her for the job she has today. Amber is married to Andy Farmer and they have two wonderful children. Their son, Abel, is 5 years old and their daughter, Aleya, is 2 years old. Amber is a very active ambassador with the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce and is very involved with the community.

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Elizabeth Griffith

The Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center

Elizabeth Griffith is the Executive Director of the Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication Arts from Kentucky Wesleyan College and a Master of Public Administration from Western Kentucky University, where she was named the 2016 Outstanding Student for the MPA. Elizabeth is a 2017 Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce 40 Under 40 honoree and an active member of Impact 100 Owensboro, the Junior League of Owensboro and Chamber Young Professionals. She serves on the board of Impact 100 Next Generation, and was appointed by the Governor in 2016 to the board of directors for the Kentucky Arts Council. She has found her passion in working with Owensboro's youth to become productive citizens and impactful leaders for the next generation.



Amber Hall

Daviess County High School

After spending seven years teaching high school English and earning her National Board-Certified Teacher distinction, Amber is now serving in her second year as the instructional coach at Daviess County High School. Through her position, Amber is responsible for equipping teachers with engaging strategies to implement standards-driven curriculums in their classrooms. Serving as a liaison between teachers and administrators in her building, Amber also coordinates communication between the school and district concerning the implementation of curriculums. To increase student achievement, Amber collects, analyzes, and reports schoolwide data to improve the future classroom instructional practices for DCHS students.



Dr. Jenny Jackson

Owensboro Community Health Network

As Director of Owensboro Community Health Network, Dr. Jenny Jackson works with physician and hospital leaders to provide health insurance networks to local employer groups. She is a servant leader who focuses on building strong teams and organizations through communication, empathy, and trust. She is passionate about developing other leaders and specializes in introversion. Dr. Jackson is also a leadership professor, consultant, and writer. She currently serves as a Student Instructor for the National Association of Medical Staff Services and is President-Elect of the Kentucky Chapter. Dr. Jackson holds a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and a MBA from Western Kentucky University.

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Eddie Kenny

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Eddie Kenny is Executive Director of External Relations at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He came to Wesleyan as Senior Director of Alumni Relations in August of 2016. In his current role, he provides leadership in the areas of Alumni and Public Relations. Eddie came from Saint Leo University in Tampa, Fla, where he was Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Prior to that, he spent eight years in athletics administration at professional, collegiate and high school levels. Eddie holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication from Florida International University and a Master of Science in Education/Sports Management from Nova Southeastern. Eddie and his wife, Wendy, have three children.



Jacob Kiper

Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc.

Jacob is a native Kentuckian, husband, and father of twin sons. Jacob has been an Owensboro resident since 2007. Jacob is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with a history of working with children, but currently works for a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive medical and social support to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Through Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Jacob provides mental health and behavioral risk counseling in addition to facilitating a monthly support group. Jacob is happy to be an advocate for the medically and socially disadvantaged population of the Owensboro area.



Brandon Lucas

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline

Brandon Lucas is a devoted IT professional specializing in datacenter technologies, project management, and business process automation. He possesses two bachelor's degrees from Western Kentucky University and multiple industry certifications. For the past 8 years, Brandon has served as a Systems Administrator for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline where he has achieved industry recognition for his ability to deliver innovative technology solutions. Prior to Southern Star, he worked for Humana in Louisville, KY. When he's not too busy trying to come up with the next great idea, you will find Brandon reading, bicycling, or spending time with his growing family.

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Justin Marks
Independence Bank

Justin Marks joined the Trust and Investment staff at Independence Bank in March 2018 where he serves as a financial advisor. Before accompanying the bank, Justin retired from a career in professional baseball. He was affiliated with six MLB teams during his playing course while playing for both the Kansas City Royals and the Tampa Bay Rays at the Major League level. Justin received his Bachelor of Science in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville where he was also a member of the Cardinal's baseball team before being drafted in the third round of the 2009 MLB draft. A graduate of Owensboro Catholic, Justin and his wife Jamie are raising 3 young sons.



Angela Mayfield
Hospice of Western Kentucky

Angela Mayfield is the Public Relations and Development Supervisor with Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky. Angela has been with hospice for 5 years and joined the organizations efforts after having family members personally served by the non-profit. Her passion is in expanding access to hospice care in the community and building a philanthropic community to support the organization for generations to come. Angela was born and raised in Owensboro and lived in St. Louis while attending Missouri Baptist University and Webster University as a collegiate athlete. She and her husband Daniel have two boys ages 3 and 1.



Patty Millay
U.S. Bank

Patty Millay is a Vice President of Employee Performance Excellence with U.S. Bank. After joining U.S. Bank in 1998, Patty has held management positions in Human Resources, Loan Administration, Training and Performance Excellence. Patty coordinates U.S. Bank's Community Engagement initiatives and serves on the Board of Directors for The American Red Cross, United Way and GO Fame/GO Careers. Patty is a certified Competent Leader with Toastmasters International and serves as President for U.S. Bank Toastmasters. Patty is a founding host of "What's Cookin'" on 92.5 WBKR with over 3 years of broadcast experience.

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Charlie Payne
UniFirst Corporation

A self-described “factory rat”, Charlie Payne has over 20 years of progressive manufacturing experience in a variety of industries (automotive, furniture, aerospace, fabricated metals) with a passion for Lean. Raised on a farm in Knottsville, KY, Charlie attended Owensboro Catholic High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Studies from Brescia University, and has a Master Certificate in Lean Six Sigma from Villanova University. Charlie is married to the former Jennifer Maxwell and they are proud parents of three sons and two daughters. When not at work or chasing kids to soccer fields across the Midwest, Charlie enjoys reading, golf, and watching sports.



Leslie Neeley
Kenergy Corp.

Leslie Neeley is originally from Richmond, KY. She graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism and went on to work as a sports reporter and anchor covering University of Kentucky football and basketball for Kentucky Sports Television, CN2 Sports, and Kentucky Sports Radio (KSR). Leslie is the Communications and Public Relations Specialist for Kenergy and an adjunct professor at Kentucky Wesleyan College. In her free time, she enjoys serving on the Junior League board, going to any and all sporting events, and spending time with family and friends.



Dr. Ade Oredein
Owensboro Community and Technical College

Dr. Ade Oredein is a proud Nigerian American from Reform Mississippi. He is the son of Dr. Olayinka & Ruth Oredein. He pursued a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work with a minor in Sociology from Alcorn State University then continued his studies at Alcorn where he earned his Master’s Degree in Secondary Education and Counseling. Dr. Oredein later knew he wanted to learn all he could about the complex community college system so he chose Mississippi State University to acquire his doctorate in Community College Leadership and Administration with an emphasis on student retention. He hopes to make the community proud and help the Owensboro Community and Technical College move forward and continue to be the best in the state. His motto is “EDUCATING MINDS AND CHANGING LIVES”.

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Lt. David Powell

City of Owensboro Police Department

Lieutenant David Powell has served with the Owensboro Police Department for 16 years. After serving as a patrolman for 6 years, he was promoted to Sergeant where he worked in the Street Crimes Unit, the Patrol Division and the Training Unit. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014 and currently serves as the Support Services Lieutenant and Accreditation Manager. Lt. Powell recently graduated from the FBI's National Academy, Session 271 in March of 2018. He has been married to his wife Angel for 15 years and he has three boys – twins who are 20 and another son who is 7.



Shannon Raines

Hilliard Lyons

Shannon is a financial advisor with Hilliard Lyons offering investment advice to individuals and business owners. She helps clients develop strategies for meeting their retirement goals so they can do the things they *want* TO DO IN RETIREMENT. Shannon holds an advanced designation from the College for Financial Planning as a Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist. She specializes in Retirement Planning including rollovers, IRAs, and 401(k) Plans for businesses. Shannon graduated with Honors from the University of Kentucky with degrees in business finance and business management, and received her MBA through Murray State University. Shannon and her husband, Andy, have three daughters: Mallory, Natalie, & Audrey. They enjoy being outside, biking, running, swimming, and spending time with friends and family.



Jared Revlett

Owensboro Public Schools

Jared Revlett, an Owensboro native, returned to his hometown at the end of 2017 after several years of working in sports broadcasting, marketing and public relations. A 2012 graduate of Hanover College in Indiana, Revlett spent several years broadcasting sports at all levels including Lipscomb University, Minor League Baseball, NASCAR and IndyCar. Before returning to Owensboro, Revlett spent two years with Tandem Public Relations in Louisville, Kentucky representing a number of clients including Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, The Kentucky Center for the Arts and Family Scholar House. Revlett now serves as the Public Information Officer for Owensboro Public Schools.

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Mason Richardson
Republic Bank

Mason Richardson was born and raised in Owensboro, KY and attended Owensboro Catholic High School. He then attended the University of Louisville to play baseball and finished his baseball career and undergraduate degree in Finance at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Upon graduating from college, Mason took his first job in Chicago working in Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions. After a short stint there he chose to return home to Owensboro and work in banking. Mason is now an AVP, Business Development Officer at Republic Bank. He currently serves on the board of the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club.



Sidney Riney
Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation

Sidney Riney is the Office Manager/Executive Assistant at GOEDC. She is a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School and Western Kentucky University where she earned a bachelor's in corporate and organizational communication and a minor in marketing. Recently, Sidney has also achieved her certification in basic Economic Development from KIED. She is a member of Chamber Young Professionals and enjoys being involved in community development. Growing up, Sidney has been involved through her work on the family farm, known as Riney Farms, by being a vendor of the Owensboro Regional Farmers Market. Sidney also completed an internship with 92.5 WBKR, where she received the opportunity to converse with citizens around the tristate. She enjoys hearing stories that the people of Owensboro have to share.



Dr. Janet Rowland
Rowland Family Dentistry, LLC

Dr. Janet Rowland is the owner of Rowland Family Dentistry, LLC. Her favorite part of dentistry is the opportunity she's given to change the way a patient views his or herself. She wants all her patients to leave her office feeling their best, and confident they can make a difference in their own lives. Dr. Rowland offers all aspects of general dentistry and esthetic procedures including Botox and Radiesse dermal filler, Invisalign and Zoom Whitening. Her brand-new office is a state-of-the-art facility in a warm, inviting atmosphere. Dr. Rowland received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Louisville Dental School and is a member of the American Dental Association. She has been a member of Spear Dental Education and has participated in the study club and workshops at their campus in Phoenix, AZ. Dr. Rowland has attended the Chicago Dental Society Meeting, the Hinman Dental Meeting, and the Kentucky Dental Association. She is a member of the American Academy of Facial Esthetics. Dr. Rowland lives in Owensboro, KY with her husband of 21 years and two daughters. She enjoys running, racing, and travelling all over the world.

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Morgan Russelburg
Brescia University

Morgan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kentucky Wesleyan College and a Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Western Kentucky University. She currently serves as the Director of Career Services at Brescia University. In this role, Morgan assists students with multiple aspects of preparing for their careers after graduation and teach a career readiness course. Her office provides résumé and cover letter writing assistance, internship placement, financial literacy programs, mock interviews, and much more for Brescia students. She is a proud wife and mother who looks forward to spending time off with family and friends.



Shane Satterfield
Shane Satterfield - State Farm Insurance

Shane Satterfield, 29 years of age is originally from Henderson, KY, where he graduated from Henderson County High School. He then went on to attend Western Kentucky University where he graduated in 2012. One year later, he married the love of his life, and they now have three kids; Cecilia in September 2015 and twins Harry and Eleanor in March 2018. In May of 2017, Shane opened a State Farm Agency after six years of working for the top agency in Kentucky. He feels very blessed for the opportunity and looks forward to helping protect his clients.



Kara Schroader
Daviess County Public Library

Kara Schroader is a librarian currently employed as the Marketing Coordinator at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. She earned a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky and offers a wealth of experience in leading projects and committees in the library field. Kara is hardworking, educated and eager to promote further improvements to the quality of life in the Greater Owensboro region through service. In her free time, she likes to binge-watch reality TV, to explore new places, and to nap with her two cats.

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William Starks

U.S. Bank

William Starks is an Assistant Manager for U.S. Bank. He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management. William comes from the small town of Scottsville, KY and now resides in the big metropolitan of Philpot, KY! He is a husband and a father of twins. Should William ever have any spare time, he enjoys reading and playing trivia games. He has been living here for six years now and has had the good fortune of meeting some truly wonderful people. In the line of work that he does, William has the latitude to help people with their financial goals and the opportunity to establish long-lasting relationships. His goal is to continue to grow professionally and continue to contribute to our community.



Madison Strobel

Owensboro Health

Madison Strobel is an award-winning marketing, advertising, and graphic design expert with over 26 years of experience. Strobel is currently a Marketing Specialist III at Owensboro Health. Before joining Owensboro Health in January of 2015, Strobel was the Marketing and Public Relations Manager at the Owensboro Convention Center where he helped successfully open the facility. In addition to Strobel's professional experiences in Owensboro, he has successful experience working for advertising agencies in Evansville, Indiana, Lexington, Kentucky, and Raleigh and New Bern, North Carolina. Strobel also worked for the Lexington Herald-Leader while living in Lexington. Strobel graduated with a Bachelor Degree from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1992. Strobel is married to Marni Strobel, and they have four children Dutch, Reed, Dawson, and Bella. They have lived in Owensboro, since 2007.



Lindzey Trogdon

First Security Bank, Inc.

Lindzey is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First Security Bank, soon to be German American. She spends her days assisting clients with one of the biggest financial purchases they will make in their lifetime, their home. Being in the back-office side of the mortgage lending industry for over 6 years has made Lindzey an expert in her field. When she's not in the office, Lindzey can be found out and about in the community with her husband Tyson and 18-month-old son, Chandler. Far from a homebody, Lindzey enjoys her jam-packed days with family, friends, and co-workers.

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Erica Wade
Owensboro Health

Erica Wade is a Community Outreach Specialist at Owensboro Health. She is a graduate of Murray State University where she earned her bachelor degree in Public Relations with minors in Non-Profit Agency Administration and Psychology. She also holds a master's degree in Organizational Communication. Erica is a volunteer with Daviess County Public Schools through multiple advisory councils. She also serves as vice chair of the board of directors for Care for Children, is a part of the SPARK-ODC Resilience Leader's project and a team member of the Public Life Foundation's Early Childhood Education Initiative. She and her husband Nick have three children, Trey (13), Carly (10) and Reese (6).



Lauren Wood
Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

Lauren was born and raised in Henderson, Kentucky. She attended Murray State University, where she earned her Bachelor's in Public Relations with a minor in Real Estate. After graduating in May of 2016, she returned home and began her job search in Owensboro, the city she always loved. She has served as the Events/Communications Coordinator for the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce for two years. When not spending their weekends renovating their new home, Lauren and her husband Samuel enjoy being with family and friends, and their dog, Sandy.