

Five New BPF Trustees Are Named

Five new trustees, including a former South Carolina governor, have been elected to the USC-Business Partnership Foundation. The BPF is the Moore School's liaison with the business community.

The new members are James A. Cathcart III, Carl W. Flesher, John W. Folsom, Mike Gerald, and James H. Hodges.

James A. Cathcart III (BS '60, Distinguished Alumnus '89) is officially retired after a 35-year career in the reinsurance industry. But he has established Cathcart & Roundell, Inc., a reinsurance consulting company in New York City. Cathcart also provides expert witness testimony for attorneys involved in insurance and reinsurance litigation. In 2000, Cathcart established the James A. Morris Professorship in Economics at the Moore School in honor of his former professor and former dean, the late Dr. Morris.



Cathcart

Carl W. Flesher is vice president of corporate and associate communications and environmental services for BMW Manufacturing Corp. He was appointed to the Board of Management of the German automaker's first full manufacturing facility outside of Germany in 1992. Prior to 1992, Flesher was vice president of marketing with BMW of North America in New Jersey. He began his 27-year career with BMW of North America in 1975 as a sales trainer.



Flesher

John W. Folsom (MBA '74) is president and CEO of Colliers Keenan, Inc., a full-service commercial real estate firm in Columbia. He is also chairman of its affiliate, LCK Construction Services, Inc. From 1974 to 1993, Folsom held various positions with South Carolina



Folsom

Federal Corporation (now Wachovia Bank of South Carolina), rising to president, CEO, and director. He joined Colliers Keenan in 1993 in his current position. Folsom is former chairman of the board of the South Carolina League of Savings Institutions and former executive committee member of the U.S. League of Savings Institutions (now Community Bankers Association of America).

Mike Gerald (BS '71) is president and CEO of Coastal Financial Corporation in Myrtle Beach. He is also a member of the board of directors and president and CEO of Coastal Federal Bank; a member of the board of directors of Coastal Investor Services; and chairman of the board of directors of Coastal Retirement, Estate & Tax Planners. Gerald, who attended the Graduate School of Community Bank Management in 1988 at the University of Texas-Austin, is a board member of the South Carolina Bankers Association and the South Carolina BankPAC.



Gerald

James (Jim) H. Hodges (BS '79, Law '82), was governor of South Carolina from 1999-2003. He served 11 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives (1986-1997) where he chaired the House Judiciary Committee and served as House Minority Leader. From 1990 to 1997, Hodges served as general counsel and secretary of the Springs Company, one of the state's largest private companies. Currently he is a partner with the law firm of Kennedy Covington in Columbia and principal of the firm's wholly-owned subsidiary, Hodges Consulting Group, where he focuses on government relations, emerging business and venture capital, and international law.



Hodges

The USC-Business Partnership Foundation Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors, which is composed of business executives, advises the University of South Carolina-Business Partnership Foundation on planning, fundraising, and other issues. The names of the advisors that are starred have joined the board since the Fall of 2001, when the original membership list was published. The BOA was formed in the spring of 2001.

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Continuing Legacy of Ada B. Thomas: Scholarships in Her Name

Ada Beach Thomas, former assistant dean, professor of management, and beloved advisor at the Moore School for more than 30 years, died last September at age 83. But her legacy lives on through her thousands of grateful former students, and also through a scholarship that has been established in her name.

“She was like a mother to everybody,” says one of those students, John Wentzell (BS '74), who helped inaugurate the Ada B. Thomas Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship in 2002. The first of those scholarships, in the amount of \$500, was awarded for the 2003-2004 school year to Shanequa P. Jones.

The death of “Ms. T”—as she was called by her students—“leaves a big empty space in this world,” said the Rev. Diana C. Westerkam. “We will miss her wit, her wisdom, and her love.” The Rev. Westerkam, a minister at Washington Street United Methodist Church in downtown Columbia where Ms. T was a member for 70 years, presided at her funeral there on Sept. 22, 2003.

On the way to the funeral services, the long black hearse carrying Ms. T's remains took one last, sentimental journey through the Horseshoe—a gesture of respect accorded by the University of South Carolina. There was also a moment of silence in her honor before the kickoff of the USC-Clemson football game last fall.

Ada Thomas “was never too tired or too busy to make a difference in some student's life,” said Robert W. Odom, Jr. (BS '76), a former student and close friend who eulogized Ms. T at her funeral. “She was always in our corner. She lived her life for others.... If there are angels on this earth, [Ms.] T surely was one.”

Ada Thomas was named a Distinguished Alumna of the Moore School of Business in 1986. She retired from Moore in 1989, then decided she “wasn't ready for the rocking chair yet” and continued to advise USC students in the College of Liberal Arts three days a week for another 10 years.

Contributions in any amount to the scholarship fund in Ms. T's name are welcome. (To date, more than \$30,000 has been pledged.) Checks may be made payable to the BPF (USC-Business Partnership Foundation), marked for the Ada B. Thomas Scholarship Fund, and mailed to the Moore School, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., 29208, Attention: Bob Gayle.



Ms. T's last ride through campus