

New MPH Board Members

Two recent appointees, **Alexandra Epsilanty** and **Donald Salah**, who have been with us for the past year, were featured in the most recent edition of *Reflections*. Four others were appointed this winter and spring.

Kimberly Townsend is President and Chief Executive Officer of Loretto, a continuing care system located in New York. Prior to joining Loretto, she was Associate General Counsel and Senior Director of Government Affairs for Welch Allyn, Inc. She has been an adjunct professor in the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University and Syracuse College of Law. She is currently a Governor's Appointee to the New York State Workforce Investment Board, and she serves as a board member and in board leadership positions for a number of non-profit organizations.

Kim Townsend received a BS and MBA from the Whitman School of Management, a JD from Syracuse University College of Law, and MPA from the Maxwell School of Public Administration. She is the mother of one alumna and an MPH rising ninth grader. Her term as trustee began this spring.

Three members will begin their terms this summer:

Steve Herron '03 returned to Central New York a year ago to join JMA Wireless, a telecom R&D and manufacturing company in Liverpool, New York. Prior to his recent move, he worked in strategy consulting at The Boston Consulting Group's office in Washington, DC, where he advised clients in manufacturing, aerospace and defense, energy, and financial services. He has also spent time as a campaign manager and legislative aid in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Herron holds a BS in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and JD and MBA degrees from the University of Texas—Austin. As an MPH alumnus, he has served as a class officer for his 5- and 10-year reunions, sat on the Alumni Board, and volunteered with various Board of Trustee committees.

Candace Campbell Jackson joined the Office of the Chancellor of Syracuse University in 2015. In her role as Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Campbell Jackson is responsible for the effective integration of the executive leadership team to advance and implement strategic initiatives, including the academic strategic plan, the campus facilities master plan, and the fundraising campaign. Prior to coming to Syracuse, she served as Vice President for Student Success and Vice Provost for Academic Success at the University of Akron (Ohio), where she had supervisory responsibility for the Office of International Programs and programs supporting first-generation and low-income students and their families. Prior to her career in higher education, Campbell Jackson was an attorney in the public law and corporate departments of the law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP. She has served on numerous non-profit boards, including the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, Akron Community Health, American Heart Association Go Red for Women, and others.

Campbell Jackson holds a BA in Journalism from Howard University and JD from the University of Akron. She was selected to participate in the Harvard Institute for Educational Management program and received a certificate for higher education administrators. She is the grandmother of two MPH students.

Erik D. Smith is President and Chief Executive Officer of Saab Defense and Security USA, LLC (SDAS). SDAS delivers advanced sensors, training and simulation, and signature management solutions and services to U. S. armed forces and other government agencies. The company has over 350 employees and business unit operations in four states. Mr. Smith has over 16 years of aerospace and defense industry experience across a broad cross section of the marketplace. Since joining Saab in 2007, he has held a number of positions within the company's marketing and sales, contracts, and program management organizations. Prior to joining Saab, he held program management, negotiator, and contract management positions at Raytheon Company.

Mr. Smith holds a BA in Political Science from Roger Williams University and an MBA from Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management. He is an Eagle Boy Scout and is active in the community through Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army of Greater Syracuse Board of Advisors. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force.