



Adam Hafenbridle

Job Title: Teaching Parent at Thornwell

Education: BA Philosophy and Theology - Indiana Wesleyan University

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Church policy and organizational governance course, Leadership co-hort with Duffy Smith (former Campbell's Soup VP, Frito Lay VP, Gerber VP)

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: Local Board of Administration (LBA) - Pastor and Chair, 3 Churches, 6 Years; LBA - Assistant Pastor and Ex-officio member, 2 years; Illinois District of the Wesleyan Church - District Secretary, 2 years

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

As a bio-parent to two young boys and a teaching parent to 8 teenage girls, I want (and need) TCS to be an institution that inspires academic excellence while providing the appropriate nurture children need to thrive.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I want to help the school pursue excellence by advocating for our students and educators.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

My strength is developing relationships. I currently have very good relationships with TCS staff and students. Coupled with my role at Thornwell as a Teaching Parent, I can provide the board with a 'boots-on-the-ground' perspective.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

TCS is great at loving kids and making them feel safe. Moving forward I think the most important issue is going to be hiring the right staff to enable TCS to expand well and reinforce the already great culture.

Michele Cunningham

Education: BA Mass Communication - Claflin University
MA English and Creative Writing - Southern New Hampshire University
MA Communications - Southern New Hampshire University

Job Title: Project Coordinator Risk Management/HR at City of Clinton

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: I am also employed as English Adjunct Professor with Midlands Technical College

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?
Education is a top priority to me and I want to help shape the path of future generations

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?
To continue to bring diversity, inclusion and equality to the school to ensure the students, teachers and staff are equipped with the tools and resources needed to succeed.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?
Positive attitude, creativity, encouraging others, and problem solving

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?
Thornwell has allowed for alternative and smaller class sizes that allow more direct and one on one attention. Expanding educational opportunities to students from K-12.



Doug Wallace

Education: BS Communications/Marketing/Media - Appalachian State University
MA Educational/Instructional Technology - Appalachian State University

Job Title: Director of Media and Technology Services at Presbyterian College

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: Worked in Higher education for 32 years and worked with undergraduate teacher education programs during that time.

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: 7 years with Laurens County Healthcare Foundation, 3-years as board chairman

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I am interested in the mission of Thornwell, the new K-12 Charter initiative, the history of Thornwell and historical connection to Presbyterian College, making a difference in the lives of young people through education and also experiences.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

Bringing a knowledge of what it takes to prepare children for success through education and experiences for life and also in preparation for careers and or college.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

not-for-profit board experience and, serving as a volunteer over the years with the United Way and Chamber of Commerce. Experience in Teacher Education, Higher Education and working with students.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

Thornwell has always impressed me with the quality of personal attention given to students even prior to the Charter School as well as the facilities, and experiential offerings students have available to them as far back as the Dairy and not the Lush Acres Farm.



Kristen Rinaca

Education: BS - Presbyterian College

Job Title: Teacher at First Baptist Church Laurens

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: N/A

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I would like to serve on the board to be a voice for all students, parents, and employees. Contributing non-biased opinions to encourage the success of Thornwell Charter School and it's students is how I will serve as a board member.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I will support the mission of the school and endure the many challenges on the horizon as we grow to a mature institution of education. I will contribute to the decision making and guidance such to establish Thornwell Charter School as the bench mark for other charter schools in South Carolina.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

My greatest strengths are a questioning mentality, a sense of organization, and accountability with a culturally, well-rounded background. Through my own experience as a teacher, as well as my own educational background, I understand the requirements to successfully educate those exiting into the world.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

Thornwell Charter School is doing really well by providing an avenue to support mental health wellness. The most important issue for the school to focus on is growing the school in a positive direction for the addition of upper grades and creating healthy influencers for the younger students.



Jeff Jenkins

Education: N/A

Job Title: Computer Tech at Laurens School District 56

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: N/A

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I am interested in helping the students of Thornwell Charter School become productive citizens. The education a young person receives is reflected in the mannerisms they show throughout the community in which they choose to serve as part of the working force. I believe that I have an insight into various aspects of the current expectations placed on these young people as I work closely with members of the LCSD 56 staff in my current job. My main goal is to have these students attend and appreciate the pleasant environment that has been provided for them.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I would like to see the school grow to accommodate the many changing expectations placed on today's children. It is important that students are taught the love of learning in the various areas of their education. A true education allows students the opportunity to reach their own personal growth goals in an environment that allows them to feel safe, loved, and appreciated for their own differences.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

My greatest strength is that I work well with others in an environment that will allow us to see the growth in this school. I am a team player. The members of the board will have the same goal, to see the students as people who need assistance in reaching their own goals.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

The teacher student ratio is great at Thornwell as this allows the students the more individual attention that is needed. The most important issue is to try to maintain this ratio.

Catherine Cormier

Education: BA English - Emory University
Juris Doctor - Case Western University

Job Title: Assistant General Counsel at American Credit Acceptance, LLC

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: While I have not personally served on a board, I have helped facilitate and organize quarterly meetings for our company's board for the past 5+ years. I also present various compliance topics to our board and have given board-level training.

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I would like to serve on the TCS Board in order to connect with and contribute to its mission for success through learning. As a prior graduate of Thornwell (prior to it becoming a charter school), I saw what the benefit of a strong academic foundation can provide.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

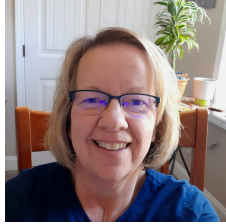
I hope to advance the mission of TCS by utilizing my individual strengths as well as my educational and professional experience to add value as a member of the Board.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

The positive additions that I believe I can bring to the Board are my professional experience, my passion for problem-solving, and a collaborative attitude.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

I think TCS has a well-focused mission statement in promoting an individualized yet holistic approach to learning including a focus on life skills, which are critical to advancement and success. The most important issue that I think the school can focus on in the immediate future is to continue to assess student needs and address these needs thoughtful and responsive manner.



Cindy Erb

Education: BS Occupational Therapy - Mount Mary University
MSH Health Services Administration - South University
Doctor of Occupational Therapy - Cardinal Stritch University

Job Title: Interim OTD Program Director-Associate Professor at Presbyterian College

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: N/A

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board:

NC AHEC (North Carolina Area Health Education Centers) 2019-2021

NC IPELC (Interprofessional Education Leaders Collaborative) 2019-2021

OT-LLR (Occupational Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board-State of WI) 2001-2004

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I would like to personally know and be more active in the community, I see a strong connection with the mission of Thornwell Charter School, Presbyterian College, and the field of Occupational Therapy, are all committed to service and community, but also hope in the future potential of children. I drive by Thornwell Charter School every day, I have enjoyed learning about it, and meeting some of its staff and board members, I would like to also be a part of its excitement and future!

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I feel I could play an integral role in helping Thornwell Charter School and the community redefine exceptional in the exceptional needs and potential of children and broaden awareness of the school, its mission, and its programs. I believe it takes a village, I also believe in educating, empowering, and motivating that village to ensure its success and the continued benefit to children.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

I believe my background as an occupational therapist, my desire to serve, and my position at Presbyterian College are my biggest strengths, well, besides my energy, motivation, and commitment to those with physical, emotional, or cognitive needs. I would love to create an education and clinical program with Thornwell Charter School and the OTD Program at Presbyterian College, this would allow no-cost, unrestricted, extended services to children and expand professional experience of our students as they prepare for serving the community as future therapists.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

I have an extensive background in ADA, environmental adaptations, and educational accommodations, I would like to apply that knowledge and experience with expanded diversity, inclusion, and acceptance directives to contribute to the caring, progressive environment at Thornwell Charter School.



Jen Partee

Education: BA English - Furman University

Job Title: Communications Director at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: N/A

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I have been a TCS parent since the school opened in 2019. I have grown to love and appreciate the vision and mission of charter schools in general and Thornwell Charter School specifically. It would be a privilege to support the teachers, students, and staff of TCS by serving on the board.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I hope to be a parental voice on the Thornwell Charter School board during a significant point in its continued growth and development. As the school adds tenth grade and increases class size in middle and high school levels, much change and opportunity is before us. I will bring eight years of experience as a Laurens High School parent and community member to the board. As my son enters seventh grade next year, my passion for Thornwell Charter School and its success is strong.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

As a mom of four with three children who have attended Laurens High School, I bring a great deal of public school experience to the board. As Gibson enters seventh grade next year at TCS, I have begun to ponder the opportunity Thornwell Charter School has to provide support and instruction that is not available at other schools in our county. Public education has struggled greatly to recover from the pandemic- our teachers are stretched and weary, and our students are struggling academically and emotionally. I want to help TCS thrive and advance. Also, I have been a resident of Laurens County for 23 years. I am committed to this community. I believe this is a wonderful place to raise a family, and Thornwell Charter School makes it even better!

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

Thornwell Charter School is doing many things well. I appreciate the individual care provided to students and families. The teachers communicate well and incorporate parents into the learning process. I believe the most important issue facing TCS is growing well to meet the needs of students as we move forward. There are many opportunities available to middle and high school students as they prepare to be productive and caring citizens and employees. TCS must chart its course wisely and continue to educate students with excellence as we grow and adapt.

Lori Wham

Education: Associates of Dental Hygiene - Greenville Technical College

Job Title: Dental Hygienist at Dr. Julie Childers, DMD

Other Training that is related to serving on a non-profit board: N/A

Previous service on a non-profit or governmental board: N/A

Why do you want to serve on the TCS Board of Directors?

I believe in quality public education for current and future students. And hope to see the school continue to grow.

How do you hope to advance the mission of TCS by serving on the board?

I love the idea of individualized learning and think it is so important for all students. Life-skills are especially important in today's society and I hope to help continue to build a community relationship to help TCS students to prosper.

What do you see as your greatest strengths and what positive additions can you bring to this board?

I feel that I have a strong work ethic and work well with others. I like to listen to concerns and try to find solutions to problems that suit both sides. I absolutely love dealing with budgets and making money stretch as far as it can.

Please provide one example of something you feel TCS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?

I think the individualized learning environment is a huge bonus for TCS students. I think maintaining a curriculum that emphasizes that is extremely important.