

**Thornwell Charter School  
Board of Directors Candidate Profiles  
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**Aaron Dover**

B.S Presbyterian College

Vice President and Trust Officer - Arthur State Bank

**Why do you want to serve on the Thornwell Charter School Board of Directors?**

Many of my earliest childhood memories include spending time at Thornwell. My hope is to now give back and serve on the board at TCS to be a part of a place that had such a positive impact on my life.

**How do you hope to advance the mission of Thornwell Charter School by serving on the board?**

A portion of Thornwell Charter Schools mission statement truly resonated with me - "develop in a rigorous, personalized academic environment that fosters a love for learning in an INDIVIDUALIZED health and Wellness program that promotes LIFELONG health..... and to be productive members of their communities." I hope to advance the mission of individualized learning with a goal of lifelong success by serving with my unique background and experiences.

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

I am a positive highly internal motivated individual who strives to grow and develop each day. I do believe some of my past experiences which include management roles in a fortune 500 company, human resource experience, several hours tutoring high school and college aged students, directly serving as an instructor in the momentum program, and also working directly with non profit organizations through estate administration will help me bring a unique perspective to the board.

**Please provide one example of something you feel Thornwell Charter School 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 recently received the Gold School of Excellence award, meaning that the school scored in the top 25% of all South Carolina Department of Education middle schools in math. Along with the recently posted article mentioning the achievement, there was a picture of the students in the school auditorium. When you zoom in on the picture, you can see the smile and joy in each student's face. Not only is TCS succeeding and achieving, they are doing it in the right way.

In the immediate future, I believe TCS should continue their path toward growth by expanding athletics, extracurricular activities, and to grade 12.

In conclusion, I would truly be honored to serve and give back to a place that gave so much to me.



**James Taylor**

BS Charleston Southern University

MA Clemson University

**Why do you want to serve on the Thornwell Charter School Board of Directors?**

I am very proud of the accomplishments of TCS and wish to continue its success. Public school has gotten 'off-track' with its philosophy and teaching methods. TCS does not need this public school philosophy to interfere with the success that this school has accomplished to this point.

**How do you hope to advance the mission of Thornwell Charter School by serving on the board?**

This administration has done a wonderful job of accomplishing educational excellence and, as a board member, I will support the administration and fund all projects that funds allow.

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

I have experience in public education as a teacher and administrator and Associate Professor of Microsoft Office at Piedmont Technical College.

**Please provide one example of something you feel Thornwell Charter School 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 very strong in academics and should continue to develop academics, sports and moral character.

