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Imma De Stefanis ('80), Ph.D., RSCJ, *President*

Sr. Imma De Stefanis was born and raised in White Plains and is a proud graduate of GCA High School. She holds a BA in English from Pace University, an MA in Curriculum from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Psychology from Boston College. She is a lifelong educator and published author who began her career at the middle and high school levels as both teacher and administrator. Her career later brought her to higher education where she held an administrative post-doctoral position at Harvard University and taught in the Psychology Department at Boston College. Imma returned to the area 10 years ago to become Academic Dean and later Vice President at Manhattanville College. One year ago she resigned to become the founding partner of Sherpa Ed Consulting which provide organizational management and leadership training services to non-profit organizations and schools with a commitment to diversity, internationality, youth, women and/or immigrant populations.

Imma has served on both school and non-profit boards and has founded various domestic and international service projects for youth. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, American Association of University Women and the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership and currently serves as Vice President of the Board at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Committee Service: Executive Committee (Chair); Committee on Trustees; Finance & Investment



William Horgan, *Vice President & Treasurer*

Bill Horgan is the Engineering & Environmental Manager for Unilever's North America Corporate Headquarters and Research Facilities. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Manhattan College in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department. Bill was born on Long Island and currently resides in Hawthorne with his wife Janet, and his daughter Megan. He is a graduate of Archbishop Stepinac HS, and received a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering from Manhattan College. He then received a Master's of Science in Management of Technology from Polytechnic University. Bill's daughter Megan graduated from GCA in 2008. He has been a member of the GCA Board since 2008, serving on the Development Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. He is a member of IEEE, AFE, the Fraternal Order of Police, NJ Lodge 46, and is an Honorary Member of the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

Committee Service: Finance & Investment (Chair), Site Services (Chair)

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Lisa Cribari ('72) Secretary

After a career in media and publishing as a senior Human Resources executive, Lisa joined the Ford Foundation in 2009 as Chief Human Resources Officer, seeking new ways to contribute to the greater good and express her compassion for the underserved – values she attributes to her years at GCA High School. Lisa has been a Trustee since 2009 and Co-chaired GCA's Principal Search Committee whose efforts led to the appointment of GCA's newest principal, Sr. Laura Donovan.

Lisa was born and raised in Westchester County, has a passion for youth development and community healthcare, and serves on the Board of Girls Inc. of Westchester County as well as the Compensation Committee of the Board of Northern Westchester Hospital. Lisa holds an MBA from Pace University's Lubin School of Business and a Bachelor's degree in French Literature from the College of New Rochelle.

Committee Service: Committee on Trustees; Executive Committee



Laura Donovan, RDC ('68) Principal

Sr. Laura re-joins Good Counsel this year as the Principal. Sr. Laura was born in Geneva, NY and her family later moved to White Plains where she remains a resident at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. Her education and professional experience include a B.S. in Science from Good Counsel College, an M.S in Religious Education/Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, an M.S. in Secondary School Science from Villanova University in PA, and a professional diploma in School Administration and Supervision, 7 – 12, from Manhattan College. Sr. Laura also holds New York State Certification in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science, and Secondary School Administration.

A graduate of GCA, Sr. Laura served as teacher, science department chairperson, Dean of Students at both GCA and Preston High School in the Bronx. She is currently a Trustee of Good Counsel Academy Elementary School.

Committee Service: Executive Committee; Finance & Investment

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Janis Archer (71)

Janis Archer rejoined the Board this year after serving a first term from 2001-2004. During that initial term, Janis chaired the Board's Development Committee and redesigned, implemented and supported a new GCA High School website. She has remained an active member of the Development committee since 2001.

Janis currently directs the Office of Strategy Management for the State's electric utility, the New York Power Authority. She has used her strategic planning expertise to facilitate the development of the GCA High School 2011-2015 Strategic Plan.

Janis graduated as valedictorian from Good Counsel Academy in 1971. She earned her BA in Mathematics from Binghamton University, an MS in Computer Science from the Courant Institute of New York University and an MA in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. In addition, she taught for many years as an adjunct at Pace University and Westchester Community College.

Janis is a lifelong Westchester resident; she was born in North White Plains and currently resides in Chappaqua where she serves on the Board of Managers of her condominium complex, Chappaqua Commons.

Committee Service: Development Committee



William Bozzone

Bill was born in New York City and is currently a resident of White Plains. He teaches Global II Honors and AP Macroeconomics at Fordham Preparatory School. At CUNY Lehman he graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned a BA in History with a Minor in Secondary Social Studies Education. He went on to earn a Master's in Social Studies Education from Iona College.

Bill's daughter, Laura, graduated from GCA High School in 2005. He led combined trips of Fordham Prep and Good Counsel to Europe in 1997 and 2008.

He is currently in his 6th year of service as a Trustee.

Committee Service: Finance & Investment

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Bernice J. Houle, Ph.D.

Dr. Bernice J. Houle is an Associate Dean in the Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems (CSIS) at Pace University. She has a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from New York University, an M.S. in Education and a B.S. in Mathematics from Pace University. Dr. Houle has been working at Pace since 1987, first in the Office of Undergraduate Admission, leaving there as an Associate Director, and then in the Seidenberg School at Pace.

During her tenure at Pace, Dr. Houle has taught for the mathematics and the information technology departments and assisted with curriculum development. She has also taken a lead role on a number of assessment and accreditation initiatives for the School. Since becoming a GCA Board member in 2008, she has been able to draw upon these experiences to assist in various initiatives at the high school.

Dr. Houle's connection with GCA is an indirect one. As an undergraduate at Pace in the mid 1980's, Dr. Houle would periodically come to the high school to tutor students in mathematics. She has been impressed with the sense of community and the spirit in the School ever since.

Committee Service: Site Services Committee



Jennifer Lewis ('86)

Jennifer "Jenny" Lewis Catalanello is currently serving her second year as a trustee at Good Counsel Academy and is Chair of the Development Committee. A resident of Mt. Kisco, New York, Jenny grew up in Yonkers and upon graduating from the Academy went on to attend Purchase College where she earned her Bachelor's degree. In the 25 years since her graduation, Jenny has been an active GCA volunteer helping with phone-a-thons, serving on fundraising committees and chairing special events. In 2006 she was inducted into the Academy's Wall of Fame. In 1995, Jenny returned to GCA to work as a part time development coordinator and soon after became the school's Director of Development, Admissions and Alumnae Relations. Jenny has had a robust career in fundraising and has held development positions in private schools and at national health care organizations. At the present time, she is the Chief Development Officer at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and Research Institute, White Plains.

Committee Service: Development (Chair)

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Christine Lowney ('94)

Christine Lowney is a Partner at Ernst & Young LLP based in New York City. Christine has thirteen years of accounting and advisory experience serving a number of clients within the financial services industry, focusing on investment banks, broker-dealers, hedge funds and private equity funds. Christine has advised clients in complex accounting and valuation issues, hedge fund launches, structuring onshore and offshore funds, initial public offerings and securitization transactions. Additionally, Christine teaches a number of accounting and financial service industry classes within Ernst & Young and is actively involved in the firm's Professional Women's Network. Christine earned a B.S. in Accounting from Fordham University and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Christine is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Christine, a 1994 Good Counsel Academy graduate, joined the Board of Trustees in 2011 and is currently serving on the Finance Committee. She was born in White Plains, N.Y. and currently lives in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Christine also serves on the Board of Directors for Parkview Station I Condominiums in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Committee Service: Finance & Investment



Susan Merritt ('68) Ph.D., RDC

Sr. Susan was born in Noank, Connecticut, where she enjoyed her years living at the water's edge and attending public schools. When her family moved to White Plains, she soon became a sixth grade student at Good Counsel. After graduating from the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary and High Schools (where she was captain of the basketball team), Sr. Susan received a BA in Mathematics at the Catholic University of America and one of the earliest MS degrees in Computer Science at New York University. After a short stint as a systems programmer at Digital Equipment Corporation, she returned to GCA High School to teach mathematics and computing, and within a few years, joined the Sisters of the Divine Compassion.

Over the next years, Susan completed a Ph.D. in computer science at New York University, became the founding chair of the computer science department at Pace University, and then the founding dean of the new School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace, which, during her 25 year tenure as dean, became the Seidenberg School with a 20 million dollar gift. She is the co-author of a book on the programming language C++ and has published more than 50 papers in the field of computer science. Sr. Susan resigned the Deanship upon being elected President of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, and remains a professor emerita at Pace.

She has been an advocate for women "all of her life," (e.g. Verizon has an annual scholarship named the "Susan M. Merritt Scholarship in Technology" for a young woman graduating from any high school in Westchester County. She has been a "citizen of Vatican II" having had such professors as Charles Curran and many others at Catholic U. in the late 1960's.

She recently completed serving 6 years on the board of Siena College. Most recently she has served three years on the GCA Board, and had served as the first Chair of the Board when boards were instituted over a decade ago. She currently resides in Pleasantville, NY.

Committee Service: Committee on Trustees

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Patricia Sheridan (60) LCSW, RDC

Presently Sr. Pat is the Director of the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development, Inc., a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. She was born in White Plains and currently lives in White Plains. She is a graduate of Good Counsel Academy High School and values her experience there tremendously. She graduated from Good Counsel College, now Pace University and also holds a Master's degree in Reading from Manhattan College, a Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from Pace, and a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University. She has been serving on the Board of Trustees of Good Counsel Academy High School for the past three years. In addition she is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the Counseling Center, since 2008.

Committee Service: Committee on Trustees (Chair)



Jennifer Mullery Talbot (91)

Jennifer was born in the Bronx, NY, raised in Yorktown Heights and currently resides in the Bronx. She earned her Bachelor's degree in History from Fairfield University and a master's degree in History from Fordham University. Jennifer is currently employed at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY where she serves as the Director of Academic Advising for the College's undergraduate students.

Jennifer joins the Board as a new member this year and has been an active alumna since her graduation in 1991. In more recent years she helped to organize an All-Alumnae reunion on GCA's campus and has also spoken at the Senior Class Dinner to welcome graduating seniors into the community of proud GCA alumnae and encourage their continued and active participation at GCA. Jennifer is one of four Mullery siblings who are proud alumnae of GCA – Mary Ann '86, Sue '87 and Nancy '89.

Committee Service: Development Committee