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Each member contributes directly to the success of CSU students by providing a minimum of \$10,000 annually.



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### Baptist Foundation of South Carolina

For more than six decades, the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina has been serving as a ministry partner with individuals, churches, associations and institutions of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist

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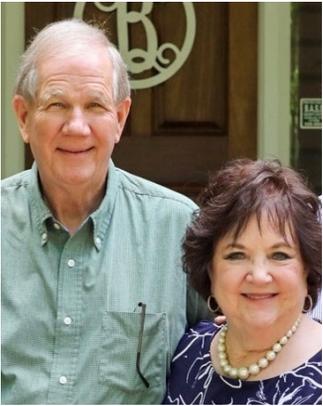


### Betsch Associates Inc.

BetschAssociates Inc. is a full service design firm created to provide its clients with traditional architectural services, as well as complete predesign services, including strategic planning, land planning, financial feasibility, and market analysis. This firm was founded by Ken Betsch, AIA, with over 40 years of experience in the planning and design of major projects throughout the United States. The firm's areas of expertise include corporate headquarters for nationally known corporations, commercial office buildings, mixed-use urban centers, hotels, civic and cultural centers, athletic facilities, public assembly facilities, college and university facilities, campus planning, laboratory buildings, and aviation facilities.

During his career, Betsch has repeatedly delivered high image solutions for high profile projects that have received public recognition from their respective communities.

BetschAssociates, Inc. was established on two major tenets. First, the client's desire for a more intimate design firm which provides full-time involvement of a principal with national experience, a unique client analysis approach to the design process, and a strong business emphasis to its services. Second, an agile firm which provides nontraditional services required in meeting the business, planning, and market feasibility needs of its clients.



## Ron and Marcia Brantley

Ron and Marcia Brantley have been longtime friends and supporters of Charleston Southern University. Ron serves at Brantley Construction, leading their special projects. Marcia serves the Summerville community as the director of Palmetto Bronze Community Handbell Ensemble. They are longtime members of Summerville Baptist Church, serving in various capacities over the years.

The Brantleys enjoy supporting Charleston Southern University with their time, talents and gifts. Ron is currently on the Board of Trustees, and Marcia is on the CSU Women’s Council. They believe in Charleston Southern’s mission of promoting academic excellence in a Christian Environment and wholeheartedly support the founder’s vision of opening a university in the Lowcountry whose foundation is built upon the Great Commission.



## Cigna

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# CLEMENT RIVERS, LLP

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## Clement Rivers, LLC

Clement Rivers is built on a proud heritage of Charleston legal professionals dating back to the 1960s. The firm's high standards for quality client service include providing efficient case management, a depth of legal experience, and state-of-the-art technology to meet clients’ needs for solid legal counsel at a reasonable cost.

Of great importance to the firm is its belief in the notion of corporate citizenship. In Charleston, we are privileged to enjoy a strong and vital community where our citizens have the opportunity to reach their highest potential. Strong, postsecondary educational institutions, including Charleston Southern University, are important to the continued prosperity of the entire community. The firm considers it a privilege to be able to support the university in its academic mission.

Clement Rivers is proud to be a charter member of ALFA International, which is an exclusive, global association of law firms dedicated to improving the quality and depth of legal services provided to its clients. ALFA firms represent domestic and foreign clients in service, manufacturing, financial, and professional enterprises throughout the world.

Clement Rivers is pleased to offer a wide variety of legal services, with practice groups in many areas of civil litigation, administrative law, probate and tax, and real estate transactions. [www.ycrlaw.com](http://www.ycrlaw.com)

## Manuel and Elinor Cohen

We are very impressed with how Charleston Southern University teaches the next generation to become servant leaders. Their students are equipped with the soft skills needed in today's workforce. The alumni who give back to their alma mater are admirable. Although, we are not alumni we realize and appreciate what CSU does for our community.

With a degree from CSU, you have an opportunity to spend your life doing what you love to do. We challenge the graduates to remain optimistic, always try to serve others, and set goals for freedom, peace and justice. It is our pleasure to walk on the campus.

We appreciate what CSU does to repair the world.



## Dr. Dondi and Vickey Costin

Dr. Dondi and Vickey Costin joined the Charleston Southern family upon their retirement from the U.S. Air Force in the summer of 2018. A retired major general, Dr. Costin most recently served in the Pentagon as the 18th Air Force Chief of Chaplains. He began his tenure as CSU's third President on July 1, 2018.

Born and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina, Dr. Costin was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from The United States Air Force Academy in 1986. He met Vickey at church during his first Air Force assignment in her Florida hometown. They have been married for more than 32 years. Vickey's career as a public school music educator spanned 23 years, during which she taught in six states while supporting Dondi's military career.

The Costins recognize CSU as a place where they can make a lasting impact on future generations by way of the distinctively Christian education Charleston Southern provides. Because of their shared passion for the gospel, Dondi and Vickey have committed themselves to helping students from all stations in life have access to a life-changing CSU degree. They have seen firsthand that the benefits of supporting a Kingdom enterprise "preparing servant leaders to pursue significant lives" is more than worth the investment—in this life and the next.

## Mike Harmon

How much of your success postgraduation was due to your education at CSU? That is the question that I finally asked myself in 2014.

First, my high school grades were weak, and no four-year college I applied to in 1965 had any interest in me attending their school. Because of that, I went to a junior college and had my first awakening. I realized that I was smarter than my high school grades indicated I was and found that I had a natural ability to learn accounting. After two years in junior college, I was ready to pursue a four-year degree, but four-year colleges weren't interested in me.

Fortunately, someone told me about CSU, (Baptist College at the time) and they were willing to give me a try. Overall, I made very good grades at CSU and broadened my education and matured.

Upon graduation, I defied the odds again by going to work in accounting for the largest textile company in the world at that time and received many promotions and opportunities over the years. Those opportunities eventually led me to being Chief Financial Officer for two different billion-dollar public companies.

After choosing to leave corporate America in 2003, I went into consulting and helped lead efforts to save a struggling \$4 million organic food company. Because they couldn't afford to pay me initially, I took stock in the company and sales over the next 10 years grew to over \$100 million only to see the CEO of the company try to deprive me of the true value of the company's stock that I owned. This was particularly hard on me because the CEO would not make a major decision without my input for many years.

We went through a long legal process and ultimately reached a settlement in 2014 that led to my second awakening – How did I get from a kid that barely graduated high school to a successful business man.

The answer was the Christian upbringing that my mother instilled in me, and I know that I have had the success I have because of GOD leading me to CSU and the success I have enjoyed in the business world.

Now you know why I have been a Presidential Council member of the Board of Visitors since 2014.



## **HES Facility Services**

HES Facility Services has been delivering high-quality, cost-effective facility services throughout the country since 1974. Our focus is relatively narrow compared to many of our competitors in that we seek out partnerships only with educational institutions whose mission and values are aligned with ours. This approach has served us and our partners well for more than 45 years. HES's objective is to be the best college and university facility services (Maintenance, Custodial & Grounds) provider, not necessarily the biggest. We fulfill this objective by delivering quality service and building solid partnerships with every school. As a privately owned company, we can make decisions based on the long-term success of our partnerships and team members. We strive to provide consistent, high quality service. Our key to successfully delivering quality service is combining professional on-site leadership, strong and invested corporate support operating on a platform of proven systems and processes. This approach provides experienced leadership and an operating model to assure professional management.

We are proud to partner with Charleston Southern University in meeting their facility needs.



## **IOA**

Since 2009, I've had the opportunity to handle Charleston Southern University's insurance and risk management program. While getting to know CSU, I learned that its vision is integrating faith in learning, leading and serving.

Much like the university's vision, IOA also places a high value on faith in the marketplace. IOA was founded on three key elements—faith, family, and fun. We're very careful to let everyone know that they are valued no matter what their beliefs are while at the same time demonstrating that faith is an important part of who we are and the values we represent. Like CSU, it's woven into the very fabric of our organization, and I have the opportunity every day to serve my clients and colleagues integrating my faith into the marketplace. It's exciting and a privilege to play a financial role in the future of CSU students as they learn and go forth to serve in their communities and businesses.

IOA is the 10th largest privately held commercial agency in the U.S. serving the insurance and risk management needs of its clients with over 1,000 dedicated associates in over 50 offices in the U.S. and London. Rob can be reached at 803-260-3696.

## Dr. Billy Kim

Dr. Billy Kim is a pastor, evangelist, and broadcaster of world renown. His list of accomplishments and service in the Christian worldwide community is extensive. In his dedication and passion for evangelism, Dr. Kim has preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world to thousands of people in all walks of life, including military personnel, diplomats, university professors, and missionaries.

Following 45 years as pastor of the 15,000-member Central Baptist Church in Suwon, Korea, he is now Pastor Emeritus, as well as the chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Korea. Dr. Kim served a five-year term as president of the Baptist World Alliance (2000-2005). He is also the founder of Suwon Central Christian Academy and Capital Bible College and Seminary in Korea. He is the former director of Youth for Christ, Korea.

As chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea, Dr. Kim directs a network of 13 radio stations, of which two are high-powered AM transmitters sending the Gospel to China, Russia, Japan, and throughout South and North Korea.

He notes one of the most memorable events of his life and ministry was the opportunity to interpret for Dr. Billy Graham at the 1973 Korean Crusade where more than a million people attended a single service. He represented the international scope of Graham's evangelistic ministry at Dr. Graham's funeral.

Dr. Billy Kim faithfully supports and prays for Charleston Southern University, believing in the power of one person. He will continue to pray that God bless all CSU staff and students and keep them in the hollow of His hands.

## Lord & Evans Capital Group



Lord & Evans Capital is so named because we believe that God owns our Firm, and we serve Him there. Hence, the name Lord & Evans.

Lord & Evans Capital assists private company owners, corporations, private equity clients, financial investors, and others who are seeking to acquire or divest strategic assets. Our confidential services include sourcing compatible financial or strategic partners for family businesses interested in a recapitalization for liquidity, succession planning, or acquiring expertise needed to take the company to the next level.

The Firm has broad experience across several industries, including healthcare and biopharmaceutical products, consumer products (CPG), industrial products, and with employee-owned companies.

Ken Evans, president, founded the firm in Charleston in 1997. Evans previously served as CEO of a public, NASDAQ traded corporation. The Evans family also owned and operated a business in the Lowcountry for 20 years.

The Evans' family are long-term enthusiastic supporters of Charleston Southern through active service and the establishment of four endowed student scholarships.



## PepsiCo

PepsiCo products are enjoyed by consumers one billion times a day in more than 200 countries and territories around the world. PepsiCo offers a food and beverage portfolio that includes Frito-Lay, Gatorade, Pepsi-Cola, Quaker and Tropicana. PepsiCo's product portfolio includes 22 brands that generate more than \$1 billion each in estimated annual retail sales. In the foodservice channel, PepsiCo is a premier partner that leverages insights-driven food, beverage and equipment innovations and solutions, and breakthrough experiential marketing programs to delight consumers and bring a competitive advantage to customers.

At the heart of PepsiCo is Performance with Purpose – our goal is to deliver top-tier financial performance while creating sustainable growth and shareholder value. Performance with Purpose means providing a wide range of foods and beverages; finding innovative ways to minimize our impact on the environment; providing a safe and inclusive workplace; and investing in the local communities where we operate. For more information, visit [pepsico.com](http://pepsico.com).

## South Carolina Federal Credit Union

South Carolina Federal Credit Union, founded in 1936, offers a full range of financial services including savings and investments, checking, insurance, credit cards, and loans. The member-owned cooperative operates 29 offices in Charleston, Columbia, Georgetown, Florence, Spartanburg, and Greenville markets, serving more than 170,000 members across South Carolina.



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
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CREDIT UNION

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The credit union is a not-for-profit entity and exists for the financial benefit of its membership. That means that every dollar invested in South Carolina Federal is reinvested back into the membership and the communities it serves. The credit union invests over half a million dollars annually through community involvement. South Carolina Federal has been voted a “Best Place to Work” in South Carolina nine times and was recently named a “best credit union to work for” by Credit Union Magazine.

Scott Woods, president and CEO, has served South Carolina Federal since 1999. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston and his MBA from Auburn University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Woods is proud to have served on the board of trustees for Charleston Southern University, on the Credit Union National Association board and on the Community Investment Council of Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. For more information about the credit union, visit [www.scfederal.org](http://www.scfederal.org).

## South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities



South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities supports and promotes the values of independent higher education in South Carolina. SCICU seeks to advance higher education through fundraising, scholarships, and research, as well as by facilitating collaborative activities among the member institutions. SCICU also

enhances a positive public image and encourages government policies that support independent higher education.



## **Student Leadership University**

Dr. Jay Strack, a 1975 CSU alumnus, founded Student Leadership University.

Student Leadership University is a faith-based, experiential leadership-training program that empowers, enables and equips students to rise to the call of leadership and awaken their potential. SLU offers unforgettable experiences that equip students to change the way they think, dream and lead, both today and for the rest of their lives.

SLU offers four progressive, cumulative experiences designed to grow students' faith, teach them to lead and gain a vision for the future through a Christian worldview. Whether they go behind-the-scenes at Sea World, explore our Nation's Capital, immerse themselves in history in Europe or walk where Jesus walked in Israel, at SLU, young people learn to think bigger, ignite their calling, impact their world and lead like Jesus.

To continue expanding leadership training for the next generation, The Strack Center for Global Leadership and Ministry was launched at CSU. This center offers academic credit for high school and college students who are seeking faith-based learning opportunities. Courses within the center focus on three key areas: biblical worldview and apologetics, youth culture and ministry, and global leadership strategies.



## **Trident Construction**

Trident Construction has teamed with Charleston Southern University for over 25 years, delivering many exciting projects including the Science Building, Athletic Center, Softball Press Box, Singleton Baseball Complex, the Health Science Building, and most recently the new Residence Hall. We have also completed renovations to the Library, Dining Hall, Art Building, academic buildings and residence halls. We recently completed the Student Center Renovations and the Science & Engineering Building.

Founded in 1981 by Robert D. Fairey, Trident Construction has grown to become the region's most recognized leader for providing value-added construction services to team-oriented clients, known throughout our market as Trident Construction's TEAM BUILD process. Today, we complete over \$125,000,000 annually using our TEAM BUILD process for projects ranging from small tenant upfits to fast-track \$50,000,000 facilities.

Our staff of more than 85 construction professionals works closely with our clients and design team members to provide a wide array of services including project planning, site selection, preconstruction coordination and budgeting, and construction management. With a 95 percent repeat client base, our collaborative TEAM BUILD services continue to provide exceptional value and project success.

## Trident Medical Center



When Trident Medical Center opened in 1975 among its first visitors were representatives from Charleston Southern University. While our campuses may be separated by University Boulevard, it's what we have in common that continues to strengthen one of our

longest relationships. At its core is a focus on excellence – excellence in providing for the healthcare needs of Lowcountry families and excellence in preparing our next generation of nurses, physician assistants and other healthcare professionals.

Behind every quality award we earn at Trident Medical Center is a nurse or other clinician from Charleston Southern University. From being ranked among the Top 10% of cardiothoracic programs in the US and Canada by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, to being recognized by Medicare as among the nation's Top 5% of Inpatient Rehabilitation Units, we thank Charleston Southern University for giving our next generation of clinicians the opportunity to have a voice and a future at Trident Medical Center.

If you have a student interested in pursuing a career in healthcare I'd love to talk with them. They can call me at (843) 847-4100 or email me at [christina.oh@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:christina.oh@hcahealthcare.com).



Christina Oh  
President and CEO  
Trident Health



## Truist

“Truist Financial Corporation is a purpose-driven financial services company committed to inspiring and building better lives and communities. Formed by the historic merger of equals of BB&T and SunTrust, Truist has leading market share in many high-growth markets in the country. The company offers a wide range of services including retail, small business and commercial banking; asset management; capital markets; commercial real estate; corporate and institutional banking; insurance; mortgage; payments; specialized lending; and wealth management. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Truist is a top 10 U.S. commercial bank with total assets of \$530 billion as of September 30, 2021. At Truist, we are grateful for the long-standing partnership with Charleston Southern University which is a major way we get to carry out our mission of inspiring and building better lives and communities”

## Whitfield Family Foundation

The Whitfield family are great believers in the special calling that God has for building His Kingdom through Charleston Southern University. For decades, the Whitfields have offered their time, effort and financial resources to CSU knowing that their dedication to God's work at the school will result in much needed fruit in this lost and dying world. The late Dr. Floyd Whitfield was a member of the feasibility committee that entertained the thought of having a Christ-based learning institution, and he served in many capacities involving the growth of CSU. Mrs. Shirley Whitfield has dedicated her life to the betterment of the university for over 40 years, all to the glory of God. Tim and Alina Whitfield, son and daughter-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield, continue the family legacy as Tim serves on the Board of Trustees and Alina on the Women's Council. With the family's undying faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and His call on their lives to help nurture, educate and equip generations of young people for years to come, they have chosen CSU as the vessel God uses to shape the faith, education and ideas of those that walk through the doors of the university. All praise, honor and glory to God!



## Wildes Financial

Since 1999, Wildes Financial Strategies has delivered exceptional financial services to clients who trust us to provide advice and counsel with biblical perspective while placing their interests first.

As an independent practice, we have the flexibility and advantage of searching the marketplace for investment products and services that are best suited to help each of our clients reach their goals.

We work with our clients and their other trusted advisors to assist in developing sound strategies that allow them to nurture and educate their children, navigate new careers, start and grow businesses, prepare for retirement, and leave a lasting legacy with their hard-earned resources. Our mission is to advise and support them in a way that they can realize their ambitions and goals while being the best possible stewards of their God-given resources.

As a Christian practice, we place a high value on helping others and giving back to our community. Members of our team serve as active volunteers in professional and civic organizations, local churches, and other groups.

As part of the Presidential Council, Wildes Financial Strategies is pleased to support Charleston Southern University in its mission to promote academic excellence in a Christian environment.