

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2019–2020

Frankie Lanell Glaspy Cole is a native of Bay City and 1984 graduate of Bay City High School. Her husband is Johnny Cole, they are the parents of three children who are all BCHS graduates, and they have four beautiful grandchildren. Frankie is also a graduate of Wharton County Junior College and Lone Star Biblical College. She has been a self-employed business woman for over 25 years. She is a state certified community health worker, a licensed minister, a Chaplain at Matagorda Regional Medical Center and Matagorda County Jail, and is also a member of various community organizations. She is the founder and CEO of non-profit The Impact Center. Her goal is to help open the channels of communication between the Board and the community. Minister Cole looks forward to seeing growth, positive changes, and helping the district achieve its goals.

John DeWitt. John DeWitt has lived in Bay City for over 30 years and is a 1996 graduate of Bay City High School. He is currently enrolled at Wharton County Junior College pursuing a degree in Business Management. John also serves as the Associate Pastor at Word of Life Church in Wadsworth where he has been a licensed minister for 19 years. John is a licensed insurance agent in Bay City, and has been with Hollister Insurors for the past 12 years. He has been married to his wife Christine for 20 years and they have two children -- Jace and Taylor -- who attend Bay City ISD schools. John has also volunteered and coached with Bay City Little League and Bay City Girls Softball Association for the past 11 years. John is a 10th generation Texan. He's a descendant of the Canary Islanders who came to Texas when it was still Spain, and settled in Presidio de San Antonio de Bexar (present-day San Antonio).

"Bay City has been good to me and my family and I hope with all my heart I can give back as it has given to me. I want nothing but success for all of our students, teachers and administration. I believe that open dialogue will help get us where we need to be. With faith in God, love from our family and love for our community, there is nothing that can hold us back from achieving new heights!"

Bob Klepac, Board President. Bob is a 1968 graduate of Bay City High School, a 1970 graduate of Wharton County Junior College, and a self-employed businessman. He has owned and operated Bob Klepac Exterminating Service for over 40 years. His wife, Patricia, taught in BCISD for 40 years and his daughter, Jessica, taught at Bay City Junior High for two years. All five of Bob's children attended BCISD Public Schools. Klepac has been a member of the Bay City Volunteer Fire Department for over 43 years and serves as its Second Assistant Fire Chief. He is also a 43-year member of the Bay City Lions club, having held many local and district leadership positions. "I am extremely honored to serve on the Board of Education. Education is not rocket science, it is people science: people helping people teach other people to learn. As long as everyone involved does his or her part well, the sky is the limit."

Jerry Manning. Jerry is a 1992 graduate of Bay City High School. Jerry attended Brazosport College for Welding Technology, and after completion began his career as a welder. Jerry is currently employed by Phillips 66.

Jerry and his wife, Danyal, have two children who are both BCISD graduates: Jerry Jr. and Paige Nichole. Jerry Jr. is a student at Texas A&M University Kingsville. Paige is a student at Sam Houston State University.

Jerry is a member of The Mother Zion Baptist Church in Bay City, where he still worships and serves today. He was ordained as a deacon in 2005, and accepted his call by God to preach the gospel in 2007. Jerry has a desire to always better his faith, his family, and his community.

Edward Nelson. Edward Nelson is a 1967 graduate of Mineral Wells High School where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He received his Associate Degree from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, his Bachelor's from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas and his Master's from Prairie View A&M. Nelson spent one year as an assistant at Howard Payne and 36 years as head basketball coach at Bay City High School. He led the Blackcats to 16 district championships, 14 bi-district championships, 12 area championships, 5 regional championships, 6 regional finalists, 5 state appearances, 4 state semi-finalists, 2 state finalists, and one state championship. His overall record is 745-357.

Nelson was named Coach of the Year 16 times and Most Victorious in a Decade for 80 district games in a row. He has had four Teams of the Decade. One of his players, LaBradford Smith, was named Player of the Decade, Best Player in America and a #1 NBA draft choice by the Washington Wizards.

In the last 25 years of his career, the Bay City Blackcats had 20 playoff appearances, 15 high school All Americans, and 53 of his players received college scholarships. He and his wife Mary Helen have one child, Marcy Ann Wilson, who's married to Patrick E. Wilson, and one granddaughter, "the apple of his eye" Paige Helene.

James Scardami. James and his wife Lesley are parents to twin 8 year olds, Conner and Emily, who attend BCISD. Lesley works as an instructional aide for special needs children in their elementary school. James is a business owner and serves his clients as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 2002 when he moved to Texas. He graduated from the Business School at Howard Payne University and was the first undergrad graduate of Howard Payne University New Braunfels Extension Center. Upon moving to Bay City in 2017, James started a Marine Corps Toys for Tots program and gave away toys to over 1000 children in need. He also has served as Rotary President, Sunshine and Rainbow board member, little league coach, girls softball association coach, and youth soccer coach. He and his family are active members at First United Methodist Church and James has, on occasion, filled in for the pastor when he is out. "I am fully invested in the BCISD because my wife and children are a part of this district; serving on the board is my way of giving back to the community and ensuring they have the best education that is possible."

Clyde “Trent” Tinnin. Trent Tinnin is a proud product of Bay City ISD and the BCHS Class of 1999, and his children Taelynn (9), Tate (8) and Tag (6) are students at Linnie Roberts Elementary and Tenie Holmes Elementary. His wife has devoted her life to education and his mother has been teaching math and transforming lives in BCISD for 28 years. “I am committed to the success of this district because blue and gold run through my veins.

Trent holds an accounting degree from Texas State University. He is spreadsheet savvy, can balance a budget, and possess the expertise to critically review financial records. “Because I am a follower of Christ, I am called to serve.” Convinced that God gave him skills and aptitudes for this purpose, Trent uses his athletic abilities to coach girls’ softball and his wood-working skills to decorate for Vacation Bible School. Trent’s love for Christmas inspires him to transform his home into a winter wonderland for the children in the community to enjoy. To honor the life of his brother, Trent organizes and hosts the annual Travis Tinnin Golf Classic, where every penny is used to send youth to church camp.