

Brief Biographies of Joint Affiliation Board Members

Johnnie B. Byrd, Jr., J.D., former Chair of the Board, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Johnnie B. Byrd, Jr. has been a longtime advocate in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. His father died of the disease in 1998. Johnnie sponsored legislation in 2002 creating the Alzheimer's Center at the University of South Florida with \$25 million in state funding. He enjoys speaking to and encouraging Alzheimer's support groups and continues to champion efforts to support family caregivers. Johnnie Byrd served as State Representative from District 62 (R-Plant City) from 1996 until 2004, and served as Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives from 2002 to 2004. Johnnie is an attorney with the Plant City law firm of Byrd & Stitzel, P.A. He earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Auburn University and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama. Active in civic affairs, Johnnie has served as a board member of a number of local charities and civic organizations. Family means a lot to Johnnie Byrd. Johnnie and Melane have celebrated 30 years of marriage and they have four children. Johnnie is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Plant City where he has served as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher.

Wayne Goodman, M.D., Director, Division of Adult Translational Research & Treatment Development, National Institute of Mental Health

Following a nationwide search, Wayne K. Goodman, MD, joined NIMH in July 2007 on an intergovernmental personnel action from the University of Florida's College of Medicine, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry for nine years. He is a pioneering researcher in the field of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD). A graduate of Columbia University with a BS in electrical engineering, Dr. Goodman received his medical degree from Boston University and completed his internship, residency, and a research fellowship at Yale University School of Medicine where he remained on faculty until 1993, before joining the University of Florida in Gainesville. Dr. Goodman has published more than 200 articles in scientific journals and has been principal investigator on NIMH-funded grants since 1992. He is a member of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and member (and past chair) of the FDA's Psychopharmacological Drugs Advisory Committee. He retains his primary residence in Florida, where serves on the Governor's Suicide Prevention Council and is one of original appointed members to the Byrd Alzheimer's Research Board of Directors.

Kathy Harris, M.A., J.D., Vice-Chair of the Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute Board of Directors

Kathy C. Harris is currently the General Counsel/Chief of Staff for the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections. She is responsible for advising the Supervisor of Elections on all legal and administrative issues. She previously served as General Counsel for the Johnnie B. Byrd Sr., Alzheimer’s Center & Research Institute, Inc., where she provided legal advice to the CEO and other Institute officials. Ms. Harris has also worked in private practice specializing in the areas of government, corporate, securities and intellectual property law. In addition to her legal career, Ms. Harris has over 20 years of local government experience serving as the Assistant County Administrator for Human Services in Hillsborough County, and Director of Human Services in Broward County. Her government career also includes working for the Florida House of Representatives, the South Carolina House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. She is the former CEO to a large non-profit and President of her own consulting firm. Ms. Harris received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of South Carolina, a Masters in Public Administration from Baruch College, in New York City, the end result of a National Urban Fellowship, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. She is a member of the Florida Bar.

Karen Holbrook, Ph.D., Vice President for Research and Innovation at USF

Karen A. Holbrook, PhD, is Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of South Florida and a member of the Washington Advisory Group (WAG). Before joining USF, she was president of The Ohio State University for five years. Prior to that, Dr. Holbrook was senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Florida, and associate dean for research and professor of biological structure and medicine at the University of Washington, School of Medicine. Dr. Holbrook participates on numerous advisory panels and councils for the National Institutes of Health, including the NIH Blue Ribbon Panel for the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory, Boston, and is presently a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the NIH. She serves on several boards, including the Accrediting Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Institute for International Education (IIE), Research! America, Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA), Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), ACT, and Techne, Inc. Dr. Holbrook has had a productive research career in the biomedical sciences and was a MERIT Award recipient from the NIH.

Frank L. Morsani, trustee of the Frank and Carol Morsani Foundation, Inc., and member of USF Foundation Board of Trustees

Frank L. Morsani has been described as a consummate philanthropist, businessman and community leader who is constantly enriching the Tampa Bay community. Mr. Morsani is the retired chairman of Automotive Investments Inc. and a trustee of the Frank and Carol Morsani Foundation, Inc. His work as a businessman and developer includes service on national, state and local committees and boards. National recognition came to Mr. Morsani when he was appointed by President Bush and President Reagan to two Small Business Councils. In 1986, he chaired the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morsani has served on the USF Foundation Board of Trustees since 1995 and is a past vice chairman of the board.

Frank L. Morsani (continued)

Mr. Morsani served as chair of the USF Endowment Fund for USF Football and on the executive committee of the *Great Achievements – Great Expectations Campaign* from 1996-2001 – a campaign that raised more than \$255 million in support of USF's academic priorities. In 1981, he was presented the USF President's Distinguished Citizen Award and he received the Alumni Association's Class of '56 Award in 1986. In 2005, Mr. Morsani received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from USF.

Sherrill M. Tomasino, member of USF Board of Trustees

Sherrill Tomasino is retired from IBI Group, Inc. (formerly Tomasino & Associates, Inc.). Mrs. Tomasino is President of Sherwood Forest of Temple Terrace, Inc. She is also a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute. Mrs. Tomasino is a member of the Greater Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business, serving on the Florida Leadership Trust and the Tampa Action Council. She is a Founding Member of the University Area Community Center Complex, a member of the USF Area Community Civic Association, and past President of the Pleasant Terrace Civic Association, Inc. Her USF assignments are the Finance and Audit Workgroup and Chair of the USF Lakeland Campus Board. Mrs. Tomasino resides in Temple Terrace.

Pamela Vergara, Ph.D., P.E., Chair of the Byrd Alzheimer's Institute Board of Directors

Pamela Vergara is president of Skyshadow Ventures, Inc., a professional environmental consulting firm and Associate Professor of Environmental Technology at Hillsborough Community College. Dr. Vergara previously served as the Director of Environmental External Affairs for the Florida House of Representatives and served as managing engineer for Jim Stidham & Associates in Mango, Florida. A committed civic advocate, Dr. Vergara has served on the Commission for Independent Education, Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Workforce Development, governing board member for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, member of the Pasco-Hernando Community College Board of Trustees, and was elected to Board of Supervisors for the Hillsborough County Soil and Water Conservation District. Dr. Vergara earned her Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida. She is also a licensed Florida Professional Engineer and Florida Real Estate Broker. She is presently attending Stetson College of Law.