

Connors and Clark take new leadership roles on Alfred University Board of Trustees

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Greg Connors, Carolyn Clark

Greg Connors, a 1992 alumnus of Alfred University, is the new chair of the University's Board of Trustees, and Carolyn Clark, a 1990 alumna, is the vice chair, effective July 1. They were unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees.

Connors succeeds Les Gelber, a 1977 alumnus, who served as chair for four years. Connors had been vice chair during Gelber's tenure.

"We want to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to Les Gelber, Greg Connors, and Carolyn Clark," said Alfred University President Mark Zupan. "Good Board leadership is essential in guiding our University's growth. We have been fortunate to have had Les' guidance during his six years as vice chair and four years as chair, and we look forward to continuing that 'winning streak' with Greg and Carolyn."

"I first met Les through the Presidential Search committee that he chaired for our University in 2015-2016," Zupan relayed. "His commitment to Alfred University was readily apparent and his thoughtfulness and openness to innovation made a thoroughly compelling case for candidates to consider joining the Alfred University administrative team."

Gelber, elected to the Board of Trustees in 2002, is an ex officio member of all standing Board committees, and serves on the Executive and Human Resources committees. He had previously served as chair of the Strategic Planning committee and vice chair of the Statutory Affairs and Government Relations, Student Affairs, and Trusteeship committees, and as a member of the Investment, Finance, and University Relations committees.

He and his wife, Marguerite McHugh Gelber, a 1978 graduate of Alfred University, are members of the University's Society of Benefactors.

"After serving for four years as vice chair of the board, Greg comes into his new leadership role well-prepared for the tasks ahead of him as chair," said Zupan. Connors served as chair of the All for Alfred campaign, the Trusteeship subcommittee, and the Enrollment Management committee, three critical roles in helping to define the future of our University. He is currently a member of Enrollment Management, Executive, Human Resources, Facilities and Grounds, Strategic Planning, Student Affairs, and University Relations committees. Greg also served on the Presidential Search committee and co-chaired the search for the new vice president of advancement in 2016-2017. He is a member of both a special Trustee committee to Promote Alumni Engagement and the Trustee Advisory committee for branding.

"I am extremely appreciative to Les for his leadership, and for all that he and Marguerite have done for Alfred University," said Connors. "I am also thankful to be part of a tremendous Board with individuals whose commitment and dedication to provide the best possible Alfred University experience is unwavering. I am excited and energized to work with my fellow Trustees and the tremendous leadership team President Zupan has assembled as we move forward with our strategic planning and successful execution of initiatives."

Co-founder of the law firm Connors and Ferris with offices in Rochester and Buffalo focusing on workers& compensation cases, Greg and his wife Jeni Wetzel Connors, a 1994 alumna of Alfred University, are well-known to their fellow alumni for their service to the University. Prior to becoming a trustee, Greg served as a member of the Alumni Council. Jeni is a member of the Saxon Nation board of directors. Together they have hosted an extensive number of alumni events in Rochester and Buffalo, including pre-game tailgate parties and receptions.

The Connors& interest in Saxon athletics is well-known. Greg was a member of the football team, while Jeni played soccer. Both are members of the Saxon Nation.

Their gift to Alfred University during the All for Alfred campaign led to the Connors Pavilion at Merrill Field, which provides a gathering place before, during, and after games. The University has recognized them as members of the Founders Society.

In addition to their work for Alfred University, Greg and Jeni are involved with Hunter's Hope Foundation created by Jill and Jim Kelly. Greg serves on the Foundation&s Board.

They reside in Pittsford, New York, with their two children, Will and Luke.

Carolyn Clark, Alfred University&s new vice-chair of the Board, is a 1990 graduate and dedicated Board member since 2011.

"Since joining the Board of Trustees, Carolyn has impressed our other Board members with her commitment to Alfred University, her insight, and her willingness to take on challenging assignments," said Zupan.

"I am extremely grateful and honored to serve as the Vice Chair of our Board of Trustees," said Clark. "Since joining the Board, I have been extremely impressed by the dedication and commitment by our Board to ensure a strong future for the University. I look forward to working more closely with President Zupan and Greg in the coming years. Their energy and passion for the University is unmatched."

In addition to serving on the Presidential Search committee and the Trustee Advisory Council for the search for our Vice President of Enrollment Management in 2016-2017, Clark is a member of the Academic Affairs, Strategic Planning, and University Relations committees. She also is vice chair of the Enrollment Management committee and the Trusteeship subcommittee. She becomes the first woman to serve in a top leadership role on the Alfred University Board of Trustees.

Clark began her service to the Board of Trustees as an alumni-elected trustee and was re-elected to another three-year term on the Board in 2014. Prior to her Board service, Carolyn had been a member of the Alumni Council. She was inducted into the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 for her stand-out play as a member of the women&s soccer team.

Clark is president, co-founder and part owner of Peloton Advantage, a medical communications firm that provides strategic publication planning, content development, and project management support for pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients. Prior to co-founding Peloton Advantage in 2005, Clark was vice president of publications for Cardinal Health. She previously held positions at Saber Communications, Emron, and Applied Clinical Communications.

Clark and her wife Jody Stowe reside in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, with their two children, Austin and Sophia.