

GIRLS GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DOUG FINCH (*Board Chair · Early-Stage Investor, Ann Arbor Angels*)

Doug Finch is an early stage technology investor. He heads up the Ann Arbor Angels, serves on advisory boards for several venture capital and angel investing organizations, is a Mentor-in-Residence with UMich Office of Tech Transfer, and has been a volunteer mentor at both the Ross School of Business and UMich School of Engineering. Previously he was co-owner of Summit Health, Inc., a nationwide provider of employee health and blood testing services. Doug earned BS and MS degrees in Aerospace Engineering from MIT and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.



LISA WETZEN (*Board Vice-Chair · Retired IT Executive, Ford Motor Company*)

Lisa Wetzen holds a Bachelors of Business Administration from Western Michigan University. During her 30+ year career at the Ford Motor Company, she served as an Information Technology executive in a variety of roles as well as the IT Audit Director for the General Auditors Office. Lisa has been a continuous supporter of Girls Group since the organization's inception and was an original signatory on the papers of incorporation. She looks forward to applying her previous experience serving on multiple boards of public benefit organizations to Girls Group.



SUE SCHOONER (*Executive Director*)

Sue is the founder of Girls Group, and has served as the Executive Director since 2003. She holds a BS in Accounting from Ithaca College and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Sue is a retired automotive executive, and developed mentoring programming at both the Chrysler Corporation and Textron Automotive. Sue's experience in business development, leadership, and finance, has helped Girls Group grow into a well-respected, low-overhead organization with enviable results. Sue is proud that our passionate staff uplifts students and families on a daily basis.



JAMIE GUISE (*Treasurer · SVP, Community Marketing & Engagement Director, Old National Bank*)

Jamie Guise is a Senior VP at Old National Bank, responsible for all Community Engagement activities for the bank. Previously, she served as Chief Client Delivery Officer at United Bank & Trust, responsible for overall branding, corporate communications, retail delivery and client experience for the organization. Jamie also spent part of her career in advertising. Jamie graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in Advertising from Michigan State University. She consistently serves in leadership positions with professional associations and local non-profits.



ANN TOMLANOVICH (*Secretary · Retired Supply Chain Director, Chrysler Group*)

Ann Tomlanovich retired in 2007 from Chrysler Group, holding director level positions primarily in supply chain operations. She is a founding board member of MSU's Women's Leadership Institute whose mission is to inspire young women to pursue leadership positions and to advance leadership equity for women. She also volunteers for UM's Community Health Programs, serving on advisory boards and committees which focus on older adult health and lifelong learning programs. She holds a BS in Anthropology from MSU, MA in Organizational Management from CMU, and a JD from MSU College of Law.



ALEX CASH (*Director of Communications, Southfield Public Schools*)

Alex Cash holds a BA in Public Relations from Eastern Michigan University and serves as the Director of Communications at Southfield Public Schools. With a passion for empowering young scholars, she brings expertise in effective communication, marketing, and community engagement.



ATHENA JOHNSON (*International Recording Artist & Jazz Vocal Coach, MSU Spartan Community School of Music*)

Athena Johnson, an international recording artist, is a vibrant force in the Ann Arbor community, rooted in a musical heritage. A classically trained vocalist, she studied at Western Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College. She is a wife and mother of 4, including 3 former Girls Group members, and a proud grandmother of 2. With 20+ years of teaching in Washtenaw County schools, Athena is in her 70th year as the jazz vocal coach for the MSU Spartan Community School of Music. She believes in music education's power to inspire creativity, discipline, and teamwork. Her dedication to music and education makes her a strong arts advocate.



AUBREY MCCULLEN (*Former Data Management Lead, Planned Parenthood Federation of America*)

Aubrey McCullen is currently a full-time parent of twin girls. Prior to that, she served on the Fundraising and Supporter Engagement Team at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, with a focus on data management. She holds a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University.



BRITTANY JONES PENDLETON (*Attorney, Litigation & Judicial Research*)

Brittany Pendleton is an attorney with extensive experience in litigation and judicial research. She earned her Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Brittany is a devoted mother of two children and remains engaged in multiple community service based organizations in the Washtenaw County community. She has served in leadership roles with multiple organizations, including the Delta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Brittany is excited to support the mission, vision, and values of Girls Group.



CAMERON LAFLEUR *(Co-Founder/Partner, VS4 Consulting Group)*

Cameron is a member of the Washtenaw Community College Business Advisory Board, a guest lecturer at Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University, and a mentor for the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and Wayne State University's Mike Ilitch School of Business. Cameron holds a B.A in International Studies from the University of Michigan (2012) and an MBA with a focus on management from Wayne State University. His background reflects a commitment to leadership, continuous learning, and service. He serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley and previously served as the Vice President of the board for Friends of Deed.



DEBBIE KRONE *(CPA, CFP®, CDFA®, Mercer Advisors)*

Debbie is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner Professional, and Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® dedicated to helping individuals and families achieve their financial and life goals through collaborating and building a roadmap to a secure future. Debbie has more than 25 years of tax experience, previously working at Andrews Hooper Pavlik, PLC, and Rehmann before joining Mercer Advisors in 2022. One of her areas of specialization is guiding clients through the financial aspects of the divorce process. She earned her B.A. in accounting from Michigan State University and serves as treasurer for the Washtenaw Estate Planning Council.



JENNY KEIL *(Professor Emerita, Hamline University; Executive Board Director, Tri Delta Fraternity)*

Jenny spent her career teaching economics and advising hundreds of students as they navigated career preparation choices and job interviews. She has a special heart for helping girls and younger women learn negotiation and problem-solving skills so they can effectively self-advocate. In addition to the hours she spends volunteering for her sorority and her church, Jenny loves traveling to spend time with her six young grandchildren. Jenny is thrilled to be on the Girls Group Board.



JOANNA JOHNSON *(Federal & State Grant Coordinator, Ann Arbor Public Schools)*

Joanna Johnson has been an educator for nearly 20 years. She holds two Master's degrees: one in Secondary Education and the other in Administration and Supervision. She is a certified high school teacher and K-12 administrator and currently works for Ann Arbor Public Schools as the Federal and State Grant Coordinator, Rising Scholars Coordinator and Instructional Technology Coach. She is excited to engage with Girls Group both as a board member and through the Ann Arbor NAACP HBCU Tour as the Tour Coordinator for nearly a decade to provide opportunities for Girls Group participants.



LAURITA THOMAS *(Retired President, American Research Universities - Human Resources Institute)*

Laurita Thomas is an active community servant and has served on many local boards. She served as President, ARU-HR Institute and provided executive development for the CHROs of the top research universities in the United States and Canada. She served in various executive leadership roles at the University of Michigan for over 30 years. She is an alumna of the University of Michigan in Political Science and Economics, is a certified executive coach, and is trained in grief ministry.



MARY SHERRILL *(Retired Federal Administrator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)*

Mary Sherrill retired in 2011 after 40 years of Federal service in administration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She has served in a variety of volunteer and leadership roles in organizations in the Ann Arbor area. Currently she is an active leader with her homeowner's association (HOA), with Sequoia Place (a Samaritas non-profit senior housing property), and with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UofM. Mary is a mother to four adult children and grandparent to seven young adults. She received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University (Detroit) and graduate degree from Marygrove College (Detroit).



MEGAN MAZUREK *(Residential Realtor, Reinhart Realtors)*

Megan Mazurek is a residential Realtor with Reinhart Realtors, specializing in the greater Ann Arbor region for over a decade. She graduated from EMU with a degree in digital and traditional marketing. Megan is a lifelong resident of the Ann Arbor area, and is passionate about engaging with and giving back to her community. Megan has served in various leadership and volunteer positions for the Women's Exchange of Washtenaw, United Way of Washtenaw County, Ele's Place, Neutral Zone, and AAACF. She is a firm believer in Girls Group's mission and hopes to increase visibility for the incredible work they are doing within the Ann Arbor community.



MIKE ALLEMANG *(Retired Corporate Financial Executive)*

Mike Allemang has served on a number of non-profit and government boards in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area over the last 25 years. His working career was primarily in corporate financial management. He has a BS in chemical engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Stanford University. Prior to moving to Ann Arbor, Mike has lived in Houston, New York City, Milwaukee, southern Connecticut and San Francisco.



NANCY LEON *(Reading Specialist)*

Nancy Leon has a BA in Education from Washington University in St. Louis and an MSW from the University of Michigan. She has been a reading tutor for children with dyslexia for over 35 years, working in private practice and various school settings. Nancy has served on the boards of Ann Arbor Academy and the Washtenaw Learning Disabilities Association.

