

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONCUSSION STUDY

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The Honorable Richard Anderson

Delegate Richard Anderson represents the 51st House District in the Virginia General Assembly. He chairs the House Committee on Science and Technology and sits as a member of three other standing House committees: Appropriations, General Laws, and Transportation. Delegate Anderson is a native of Roanoke, Virginia, and graduated from Virginia Tech in 1979. After a 30-year military career, he retired in 2009 from the United States Air Force as a colonel and was elected later that year to his first term in the General Assembly. Delegate Anderson chairs the House-Senate Military and Veterans Caucus and the Virginia Commission on Civics Education. He is a member of the Virginia Commission on Youth and a dozen other boards and commissions. Delegate Anderson and his wife Ruth, a 21-year Air Force officer, live in Woodbridge, Virginia, and are the parents of three children.

Cristin Beazley

Cristin Beazley, PT, DPT, CBIS is the clinical lead and founding clinician for Sheltering Arms *Total Concussion Care Program*. She evaluates and treats patients at the Hanover and Bon Air locations. With an undergraduate degree in Athletic Training, Cristin graduated from VCU with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2006 and later became a Certified Brain Injury Specialist. Her experience has primarily been in pediatrics, neurologic injuries and illnesses, as well as wheelchair evaluation and fitting. She is committed to researching the most successful interventions and combinations of interventions to improve post-concussion outcomes and recovery speed. Furthermore, she takes great interest in developing training programs prior to concussion that may help reduce a person's risk of injury.

Becky Bowers-Lanier

Becky's career includes positions in nursing, administration, consulting, public policy, and lobbying. A native of Pennsylvania, Becky graduated cum laude with an undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She began her professional career as a staff nurse in critical care at what is now Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where she also taught critical care nursing in the diploma program. After earning her master's degree in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, Becky began an 11-year journey from Instructor through Associate Professor at Norfolk State University. During that time, she also earned a doctorate in higher education administration at the College of William and Mary. Becky's educational expertise lay in teaching adult nursing, research, and trends and policy.

From 1985 to 1987, Becky was an Associate Professor of Nursing and graduate program director in nursing administration at Hampton University. During that time, she sharpened her skills as a grant writer and program evaluator. Returning to Norfolk State as nursing program head in 1987, Becky guided the Department through the addition of two accelerated nursing tracks, LPN to Associate Degree and an accelerated baccalaureate degree for students holding an undergraduate or graduate degree in other disciplines. Under her leadership, the nursing program maintained full accreditation by the National League for Nursing. In 1995, Becky assumed the Deputy Director position of a national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This highly acclaimed program, *Colleagues in Caring: Regional Collaboratives for Nursing Workforce Development*, led to the formation of centers for nursing workforce development across the United States. These centers continue to focus on informing policymakers about trends in nursing supply and demand and the development of evidence-based programs that enhance the nursing workforce. In 2003, Becky moved to Richmond and began a seven-year relationship with

Macaulay & Burtch, PC, where she honed her public advocacy skills and developed an impressive client portfolio that includes both education and health-care related clients. B2L Consulting is Becky's brainchild, and she continues her work in advocacy, as well as consulting on program planning and evaluation.

Aside from her career obligations, Becky has been involved in her professional association, the Virginia Nurses Association, where she served as President from 1996-2000. She currently serves as the convener for *Transparency Virginia*, a collection of advocacy groups and non-profits that works to keep the legislative process in Virginia as open and transparent to the public as possible. Becky is a member of the *American Association of Nurse Executives* and the *Virginia Public Health Association*.

Heather Funkhouser Board, MPH

Heather has worked in the field of injury prevention for over 15 years. She currently manages the state Injury, Violence and Tobacco Prevention Programs at the Virginia Department of Health. Heather serves on several state-level committees and teams including the State Child Fatality Review Team. Her work at VDH enables her to work with both state and local organizations to implement and enhance effective prevention strategies and policy change. She has presented on various injury, violence, and tobacco prevention topics at both state and national conferences.

Heather received her undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech in Biology/Microbiology with a minor in Chemistry and a Master of Public Health from Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia. She has published five manuscripts and nine abstracts. She is nationally certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician, League Cycling Instructor, and Certified Playground Safety Inspector. She lives in Richmond, Virginia with her husband and two children.

Joel Brenner, M.D.

Dr. Brenner is an associate professor of pediatrics at the Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) in Norfolk, Virginia. He is the medical director of the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) sports medicine and adolescent medicine programs, the Director of the CHKD Sports Concussion program, Dance Medicine program, and Running program. He is trained in pediatrics, sports medicine, and adolescent medicine. Dr. Brenner has testified before the state and federal legislature to assist with laws protecting student-athletes with concussions. He was also involved with the development of the Virginia Board of Education Guidelines for Senate Bill 652 "Policies on Concussions in Student-Athletes". He also helped write the Chesapeake Public Schools' Concussion Management Plan and was a consultant for other schools around the Commonwealth including the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Dr. Brenner also participated in the White House Concussion Summit. Dr. Brenner is the immediate-past chairperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness. Currently Dr. Brenner is the team physician for local high schools and Norfolk State University, Governor's School for the Arts, Todd Rosenlieb Dance, and Virginia Ballet Theater. He lectures locally, nationally, and internationally on various sports medicine topics including "concussions in youth" and "overuse and overtraining in young athletes."

Donna K. Broshek, Ph.D.

Dr. Broshek is a Clinical Neuropsychologist and professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia Medical School. She is Co-Director of the Brain Injury and Sports Concussion Institute at the University of Virginia. In addition, she is Associate Director of the multi-disciplinary Brain Injury and Sports Concussion Clinic and Director of the Neurocognitive Assessment Lab. Clinically, Dr. Broshek sees a large volume of patients with sports concussion, mild traumatic brain injury and post-concussion syndrome, as well as patients with a variety of other neurologic conditions, including a large volume of patients with intractable epilepsy. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology and she is President-Elect of the Sports Neuropsychology Society. She has been active in research on sports concussion and has published peer-reviewed articles, as well as book chapters on the topic. Dr. Broshek has also been active at the local, regional, and national levels in promoting concussion education.

Shane Caswell, Ph.D.

Dr. Caswell is a Professor of Athletic Training and founding Executive Director of the Sports Medicine Assessment, Research & Testing (SMART) Laboratory where he and colleagues conduct research to prevent injury and optimize human performance. Dr. Caswell's research focuses on the development of evidence-based interventions to improve the prevention, recognition, and management of concussion and other injuries among youth and scholastic athletes. Professor Caswell's outreach efforts have led to improvements in safety education, injury prevention, and healthcare for youth and scholastic athletes in Virginia. He initiated and leads The ACHIEVES Project (AdvanCing Healthcare Initiatives for undErserVED Students) made possible by on-going grant funding by the Potomac Health Foundation. The ACHIEVES Project is an innovative collaboration between George Mason University and Prince William County Public Schools which has increased access and quality of healthcare for student athletes, created a centralized injury surveillance and concussion education tracking programs, and aided in the development, implementation and evaluation of concussion policies.

Tom Dolan

Tom Dolan is the Assistant Director for Compliance for the Virginia High School League (VHSL). He begins his 9th year with the VHSL and his 37th year in education and high school athletics. A 1978 graduate of the college of William & Mary, he began his career in New Kent County as a teacher and coach before accepting similar duties in 1992 at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg. In 1997, Tom helped open and served as the Director of Student Activities at Jamestown High School in Williamsburg.

Elizabeth E. Ewing

Elizabeth Ewing is an attorney working in the area of education law. She is currently the Director of Legal and Policy Services at the Virginia School Boards Association. She provides legal information to school board members and senior staff regarding all phases of school operations. Previously, Elizabeth worked for the National Legal Research Group providing legal research and writing for other attorneys nationwide in the fields of personal injury, medical malpractice, workers' compensation, insurance and family law. Elizabeth is a member of the Virginia Council of School Attorneys and a former member of the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys. She is an author of Virginia School Law Deskbook, vol. II, Reference on Legal Issues (LexisNexis 2008) and Annot., 34 A.L.R. 5th 77 "injury or Death of Water Skier" (1995). Elizabeth received her B.A., cum laude, from Duke University and her J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary.

Deirdre (Dede) Goldsmith

Dede Goldsmith is a citizen member of the Virginia Commission on Youth, appointed by Governor McAuliffe in June 2014. She is a graduate of Emory & Henry College with a degree in political science and worked for former Congressman Rick Boucher for 28 years. Goldsmith is co-founder of the Highlands Soccer Club (1996), a recreational soccer club that continues to serve over 600 children in Washington County each fall and spring. Her passion to protect our youth has recently been expanded to include efforts to raise awareness of the risks associated recreational drug use among college students. She is the mother of two and the grandmother of three soccer-crazy grandsons. Goldsmith resides in Abingdon, Virginia and is married to Robert Goldsmith.

Howard P. Goodkin, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Howard P. Goodkin is the Shure Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Virginia where he serves as the director of the division of pediatric neurology and as vice-chair of research for the department of neurology. His clinical interests include the care and management of children and adolescents with traumatic brain injury and is a founding member of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Special Interest Group for the Child Neurology Society.

Michael S. Jaffee, M.D.

Dr. Michael S. Jaffee serves as Associate Professor Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurobehavioral Sciences (tenured) at the University of Virginia (UVA) where he has served as the inaugural Medical Director of the

Brain Injury and Sports Concussion Institute and serves as Director of the UVA Neurology Sleep Service. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1992 and completed a combined residency in neurology and psychiatry at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC) in San Antonio, Texas in 1998. He later went on to complete a sleep medicine fellowship at SAUSHEC in 2011. Dr. Jaffee is board certified in Neurology, Psychiatry, Sleep Medicine, and Brain Injury Medicine. He has additional certifications in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry as well as Neural Repair and Rehabilitation.

His 21-year Air Force career included wartime service as Chief of the Medical Staff for the largest U.S. military hospital in Iraq, and service as the United States Air Force (USAF) Surgeon General Neurology Consultant. He served as the Department of Defense (DoD) liaison to two White House-appointed panels of the Defense Health Board, and as the National Director of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center. In this capacity, he managed a network of 18 sites leading to the publication of over 100 peer-reviewed articles and the development of seminal clinical practice guidelines and tools for the management of traumatic brain injury (TBI). He has served as a consultant to the Institute of Medicine, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the National Football League (NFL). Dr. Jaffee retired from the Air Force in 2013 at the rank of colonel, when he was appointed to his faculty position at UVA. He continues to serve as a national and federal subject matter expert to include service as chair of the Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's Research Program as part of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program. He is the senior neurologist serving on the national Brain Injury Medicine examination committee. Dr. Jaffee has dedicated a significant part of his career to developing innovative educational and research collaborations between the DoD, federal agencies, academic institutions, and other stakeholders, including the National Football League and the Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Jaffee lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with his wife and twin daughters.

Ben Kiser

Ben Kiser has served for the past year as executive director for the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. Previously, he served 11 years as Superintendent for Gloucester Public Schools. He started his education career as an industrial arts teacher at Greensville County High School in Emporia, Virginia. Mr. Kiser received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, master's degree from Virginia State, and doctorate from the University of Virginia. He served 40 years in public education as teacher, middle school assistant principal, regional and district career and technical education (CTE) director, high school principal, assistant superintendent, and division superintendent.

Mr. Kiser was born in West Virginia, grew up in Southwest Virginia, but has lived and worked in all corners of the Commonwealth. He is married with two grown children (both married), two grandchildren, and a Harley Davidson Road King. Mr. Kiser remains passionate about Virginia's public education but is concerned about the Commonwealth's capacity to provide adequate services for over 1.2 million children.

The Honorable Dave Marsden

Senator Dave Marsden was elected to the Virginia Senate in 2010 in a special election after serving four years in the Virginia House of Delegates. Prior to his election to the Senate, he served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2006 to 2010. Senator Marsden is a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Transportation. He is also a member of the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Senator Marsden was educated at Randolph-Macon College. He was the former Chief Deputy /Acting Director for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. Senator Marsden was a Probation Officer, for the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, the Superintendent for the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. He serves as the Director of State and Local Programs for Development Services Group, Inc. A lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, Dave Marsden has lived in Burke since 1977 with his wife Julia, where they raised their three sons. Dave has long been active in local community organizations. He served as President of the Enterprise School and the West Lynch Foundation, in addition to coaching basketball, football, and soccer with the Braddock Road Youth Club.

Anne McDonnell

Ms. McDonnell is the Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Virginia. She has a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia, a post-graduate Certificate in Health Care Management and Administration from Old Dominion University, and a Master of Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Anne has over 25 years of experience in brain injury rehabilitation and advocacy across a continuum of hospital and community based settings, and has worked as a consultant for state agencies and private service providers. She is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer. Anne holds a clinical faculty position in the School of Occupational Therapy at VCU, serves on the Virginia Brain Injury Council, and is Chair of the VCU Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Grant Advisory Board. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of America.

In 2011, Anne was named by Virginia Lawyers Media's as one of the "Influential Women of Virginia", and was honored with the State Association Leadership Award by the Brain Injury Association of America. In 2014, she was chosen to serve with 50 of the nation's top brain injury researchers and clinicians to serve on the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai's project to develop *Guidelines for the Rehabilitation and Disease Management of Adults with Moderate to Severe Traumatic Brain Injury*.

Fred Milbert

Fred Milbert is the supervisor of health, physical education, driver education, JROTC, and athletics for Prince William County Public Schools. Fred serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, sportsmanship, and sensitivity to the needs of the teachers and students under their supervision.

Fred is credited for using various supervisory methodologies and planning innovative learning experiences for teachers. He has been cited by school officials and colleagues for his professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national physical education organizations. In 2012, Fred was named Supervisor of the Year by the Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Eugenio Monasterio, M.D.

Eugenio Monasterio is the Medical Director of Children's Hospital of Richmond's Brook Road Campus. He is an Assistant Professor in the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and is also an Assistant Professor for the VCU Departments of Pediatrics and Neurology, as well as affiliate faculty in the department of Biomedical Engineering. Dr. Monasterio is co-director of the pediatric Muscular Dystrophy Association Clinic in Richmond. He also runs the spasticity and spina bifida multidisciplinary clinics in Richmond. Dr. Monasterio's research interests are in adaptive access and assistive technology specific to gaming. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He completed a clinical and research fellowship in pediatric rehabilitation at the University of Colorado affiliated Denver Children's Hospital. He is Board certified in adult and pediatric Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam

Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam grew up working on the Chesapeake Bay before attending Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated with distinction and was President of the Honor Court. After graduating from Eastern Virginia Medical School, Lieutenant Governor Northam served eight years active duty in the United States Army, rising to the rank of major. Upon his return from treating soldiers injured in Desert Storm, he began practicing pediatric neurology at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk. Lieutenant Governor Northam also serves as Assistant Professor of Neurology at Eastern Virginia Medical School and has ten years of volunteer service as Medical Director for the Edmarc Hospice for Children in Portsmouth.

Elected Lieutenant Governor on November 5, 2013, his top priorities are economic development, women's health, early childhood education and development, and meaningful mental health reform. As Lieutenant Governor, he presides over the Senate. As a State Senator from 2008-2013, Lieutenant Governor Northam scored numerous major legislative accomplishments, including helping to prohibit smoking in restaurants, protecting youth athletes who have sustained concussions, improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and shielding first responders from communicable diseases. Lieutenant Governor Northam lives in Norfolk with his wife Pam, a long-time Elementary School teacher who currently works for the local conservation organization Lynnhaven River NOW. They have two children: Wes, who attends Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Aubrey, who graduated from the University of Virginia.

Gregory O'Shanick, M.D. (unable to attend)

Gregory O'Shanick, M.D., is a former chairman of the board of directors of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA). In May 2011, he was named Medical Director Emeritus for BIAA, after serving for 14 years as its inaugural National Medical Director. Over the past 34 years, he has treated more than 11,000 patients with brain injuries while serving on the faculties of four medical schools and in private practice. Since 1991, Dr. O'Shanick has been the President and Medical Director of the Center for Neurorehabilitation Services in Richmond, Virginia. He holds board certifications in four medical subspecialties (Brain Injury Medicine, Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and General Psychiatry) and has published three books, 12 academic textbook chapters, and more than 70 peer-reviewed publications. He has presented at national and international medical conferences and has served as an advisor to numerous federal agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. He currently sits on the Brain Injury Medicine Examination Committee for the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. In 2014, he was the recipient of the BIAA Sheldon Berrol M.D. Clinical Service Award in recognition of his lifetime contributions in the care of those with brain injuries.

The Honorable Christopher K. Peace

Christopher K. Peace represents the 97th District, of the Virginia House of Delegates, which includes part of Hanover, King William, Jay all of New Kent County. Peace serves on the prominent Appropriations, Health Welfare and Institutions, and General Laws (Vice Chair) Committees. He is Chairman of the General Laws Sub-committee on Housing and Chair of the Appropriations Sub-committee on Transportation. Delegate Peace has served as the Chairman of the Commission on Youth since 2011. He is a proud member of Virginia's Conservative Caucus. Delegate Peace also serves on several statewide boards important to his district, including the Criminal Justice Services Board, Joint Commission on Health Care, Virginia Commission on Youth, the Virginia Housing Commission, and the Virginia Indian Commemorative Commission. During his service several organizations have honored Peace for his exemplary legislative service. A handful of the organizations which have honored him include the Virginia Optometric Association, Virginia Nurses Association, Virginia Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Over the years, Delegate Peace has always been an active member of his community serving it in a volunteer capacity through these statewide and community groups: LEAD VA Statewide Board; Library of Virginia Foundation Statewide Board; Metro Richmond Habitat for Humanity Board; Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership Statewide Board; Hanover Republican Committee; Heritage and History of Hanover County, Inc.; Hanover County Historical Society; Hanover Association of Businesses/Chamber of Commerce; Hanover Safe Place; Hanover Ruritan Club; Mechanicsville Businessmen's Association; New Kent Chamber of Commerce; Sons of the American Revolution; Washington and Henry Fraternal Lodge and the Scottish Rite. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the St. John's Church Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the Richmond Justice Initiative, which advocates against the evils of human trafficking. An attorney, Delegate Peace owns his own law firm, and is an active member of the Virginia State Bar and the bar association of the District of Columbia. He taught legal studies as an adjunct

professor of legal studies at Virginia Commonwealth University's Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. Delegate Peace worked at McGuire Woods Consulting, a national public affairs and public relations firm, and began his public affairs career by working as a law clerk for the Richmond City Attorney and Virginia's Attorney General. Delegate Peace graduated from St. Christopher's School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his law degree from the University of Richmond. Along with their daughter, Camden, son, Henry, and dog, Laney, Chris and his wife, Ashley, make their home in Old Church and attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New Kent, Virginia.

Jodi Power, R.N., J.D.

Jodi Power is both a registered nurse and attorney. She practiced nursing in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) and pediatric home health settings, as well as practiced law in the area of medical malpractice litigation. She has been employed with the Virginia Department of Health Professions since 1993, first as a Senior Investigator and currently as Deputy Executive Director for the Virginia Board of Nursing. Jodi suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in December 2013, the effects from which required months of speech and occupational therapy and took over 1.5 years before returning to work full-time; she still suffers chronic health issues as a result of the TBI. Additionally, both of her children have suffered sports-related concussions. She and her daughter participated in a televised PSA sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) during brain injury awareness month in 2010. In 2011, Jodi was appointed to serve on the Virginia Brain Injury Council (VBIC). She served as Secretary of the VBIC in 2013 and 2014, and currently serves as Chair of the Council.

Katherine Dec Prohaska, M.D.

Dr. Dec Prohaska has board certifications in sports medicine and physical medicine and rehabilitation. She is a Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. She is the Director of the Sports Medicine Division at Short Pump for Virginia Commonwealth University Health System. She has been caring for high school and other athletes on the sidelines for more than 25 years. She is a member of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). She currently serves as second Vice President for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and has served on their Board of Directors in prior years. She is the Chairperson for the Frank C. McCue Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the Virginia High School League. She serves as the head team physician for Longwood University. She has served as a high school team physician for several of the local high schools and currently assists at Maggie Walker Governor's School. She has been a physician with the USA medical team for several international competitions, including Paralympic Games in Beijing. She also helps with the Cosby Specialty Center Health Sciences as a guest lecture, and as a middle school track coach.

Jacob Resch, Ph.D., ATC

Dr. Jacob Resch completed his doctorate at the University of Georgia in 2010. Since 2010, Dr. Resch established the University of Texas at Arlington Brain Injury laboratory and served as faculty within Athletic Training Education Program. In 2014, Dr. Resch joined the University of Virginia Department of Kinesiology where he continues his research pediatric and adult research. Dr. Resch has published in a variety of journals and has spoken regionally, nationally, and internationally about sport concussion. The focus of Dr. Resch's research is to assess the measurement properties of current clinical measures of sport concussion. Dr. Resch also investigates novel measures including biomarkers in hopes of discovering a more sensitive measure of the injury, which would also allow for a greater physiological understanding.

John Reynolds, M.S., ATC

John Reynolds currently serves as the administrator for the Fairfax County Public Schools Athletic Training Program. Prior to becoming the program's administrator, John spent 16 years as an athletic trainer at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church. As the program administrator, John works closely with the schools division's 50 certified athletic trainers, local school administrators, and central office officials to promote effective, comprehensive care for over 28,000 student athletic participants annually. In recent

years, John served as President of the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association and was a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee. John currently serves on the Virginia High School League's Sports Medicine Advisory and Coaches Education Committees and recently served on the Concussion/Collision Study Group. In addition, John has worked extensively with the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Health in promoting awareness about concussions and youth sports safety.

Jay Sedory

Jay Sedory is a licensed athletic trainer and emergency medical technician. He has been an accomplished athletic trainer for over 7 years and has been involved with military and public safety settings for many years. He is also an accomplished professional within the profession of athletic training on national, district, and state levels. He is currently the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association President, which represents over 2,000 health care professionals and has oversight over ten different committees, six region representatives, and four other officers. He is the recipient of the 2012 Virginia Emerging Practice Setting Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. In March of 2007, he accepted the athletic trainer position at The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico. He is a tactical medic under the Virginia State Police. He is an adjunct instructor for George Mason University under the Athletic Training Education Program.

Jay attended University of Arizona and Southern Illinois University for undergraduate studies in athletic training, minoring in psychology and graduated with several honors. He then attended University of Virginia for a Master in Education in Advanced Athletic Training. Upon graduation, he took the head athletic trainer position for the Drug Enforcement administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation. He currently serves as an athletic trainer at The Basic School (TBS) for the United States Marines Corps in Quantico, Virginia. He was integral in the TBS heat policy mitigation order and in supporting additional athletic trainers. Jay is a graduate and instructor for tactical medics under the premier federally recognized program, Counter Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS). As a part of this elite cadre of medical professionals, Jay is the lead instructor the sports medicine and human performance topics. Additionally, he has worked with several federal, state, and local agencies in tactical medicine operations. Jay was born in LaGrange Park, Illinois. He is married to the former Ms. Anna August who also comes from an exceptional athletic training background. They live in Spotsylvania County, Virginia with their dog, Reiko.

Aimee Seibert

Aimee Seibert brings over ten years of experience in the legislative arena, representing Fortune 500 companies as well as non-profits, small businesses and professional associations. She started her career in the office of state Senator John C. Watkins R-Chesterfield, served as an in-house legislative director for a statewide non-profit and now has her own government relations firm. Aimee completed her B.A. from Boston College and holds a Master Degree in Social Work- Policy, Planning and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. Aimee is also a 2004 graduate of the Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. Aimee lives in Richmond with her husband and two daughters.

Gil and Michelle Trenum

Gil and Michelle Trenum and their children, Austin, Cody, and Walker first moved to Prince William County in 1996. Gil is serving his second term on the School Board as the representative from the Brentsville Magisterial District. Gil and Michelle are on the Family Advisory Board for the Concussion Legacy Foundation (formerly known as Sports Legacy Institute), a non-profit dedicated to "solving the concussion crisis" by advancing the study, treatment, and prevention of the effects of brain trauma in athletes and other at-risk groups. The Trenums' introduction to Sports Legacy Institute occurred in 2010 when their son Austin, aged 17, passed away in September. Austin took his life as the result of a concussion he had suffered 40 hours earlier in a high school Varsity football game. Through his parents, Austin became a Legacy brain donor for study and research for the Sports Legacy Institute/Boston University School of Medicine's CTE Center (BU CSTE) brain bank as part of their SLI Legacy Donors program. At the time of his death, he was SLI's youngest legacy donor. The Trenums annually award the Austin Trenum Memorial

Scholarship, which provides college scholarships to talented scholar-athletes at Brentsville District High School.

The Trenums worked on Virginia legislation in 2013 and 2014 to make high school sports safer. Governor MacAuliffe signed the concussion legislation in June 2014, which requires that concussion education be provided to youth athletes and parents. The Trenums have continued to lobby for the funding of studies which focus on concussed athletes and how their brains are processing emotions. Gil has served on panels for concussion management as it relates to public school policies for the Aspen Institute and the Virginia School Boards Association. Michelle has worked with the Virginia Department of Education Committee on Concussions in Student Athletes and the National Institute of Medicine's Committee on Sports Related Concussion in Youth to support better youth concussion research and policies. In 2014, Michelle served as Coordinator of the SLI Legacy Donor Family Huddle, an inaugural event which brought together the loved ones of professional, college, and high school athletes who are legacy donors to the brain bank.

In 2013, Michelle and Gil Trenum were honored with the SLI Legacy Award, which is given to a family member of a Legacy Donor who has honored the memory of their loved one by supporting the mission and goals of SLI and BU CSTE. Mr. Trenum graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University. He served as an active duty United States Navy officer for 12 years and continues to serve his country as a Navy Reserve Commander. He is currently a senior systems engineer and technical manager with Leidos, Inc. and has worked in national security, the field of intelligence, and information systems for over 20 years. Mrs. Trenum graduated with a Bachelor of Science in International Trade from Texas Tech University. Currently she is the Senior Aide for Supervisor Jeanine Lawson of the Brentsville District in Prince William County.

Rob Ukrop

Rob Ukrop is a motivational speaker who has spoken at over 2,000 events over the last 18 years encouraging kids of all ages to "Dream High, Work Harder, and Keep on Smiling!" Rob retired in 2004 from a 12-year professional soccer career playing for numerous teams including the New England Revolution and his hometown team, the Richmond Kickers. A 1993 graduate of Davidson College, Rob is actively involved in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. He serves on community boards for the Richmond's Police Athletic League, the Greater Richmond Aquatics Partnership, and the Richmond Kickers Youth Soccer Club.

Rob, who graduated in 1988 from The Collegiate School, spends his spare time volunteering with the Young Adult Alzheimer's Association, working with First Tee's Leadership Advisory Board, and assisting with Richmond's homeless population on Richmond's Street Soccer Team. Rob coaches two Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) soccer teams for Richmond United, while also coaching at Collegiate with both the boys and girls programs. Rob and his wife, Shannon, have two children, Peyton and Presley. They are active at their church, Commonwealth Chapel.

Chris Vaughan Psy.D.

Dr. Vaughan is a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's National Health System in Washington, D.C. and is the Assistant Director of the Safe Concussion Outcome, Recovery, and Education (SCORE) program. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics at The George Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Vaughan treats youth with concussion ranging from age four to young adulthood. He is also a researcher and has publications on school-based outcomes following concussion and on school-based strategies to help youth with concussions. He was an attendee at the 2008 and 2012 Zurich International Concussion in Sport Group Consensus meetings, and is a charter member and current board member of the Sports Neuropsychology Society (SNS). Dr. Vaughan serves as a co-consultant to the National Hockey League's (NHL) concussion program with the Washington Capitals and with Major League Soccer's D.C. United.