



ADVISORY BOARD
2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

ZACHARY BRUNS '13 (2022-25, 2025-28) - Chair

Zachary (Zach) Bruns is a manager at PwC in the financial services practice of their trust solutions group. He serves a range of clients, including large, accelerated filers, smaller banking clients, and private equity funds. Zach have been a member of the Alumni Board at Bishop McGuinness since 2019 and previously served on the BMCHS Advisory Board in 2018-19. He earned a BS and MS in Accounting from Clemson and is a licensed CPA.

Zach attended St. Leo's from kindergarten through 8th Grade before enrolling at Bishop. He and his wife, Brynna, also of the Class of '13, and are the happy parents of two young children! Both of his brothers also BMCHS alumni, and the entire Bruns family is a proud supporter of Bishop.

ANNE TEZAK '72 (2022-25, 2025-28) - Secretary

Anne is a proud 1972 graduate of Bishop McGuinness (formerly in Winston-Salem). She was a dedicated employee of AMP Incorporated (now, TE Connectivity) for 40 years. As a business process analyst for two decades, her team implemented business improvements at numerous domestic and international locations.

Anne received a BA from Chestnut Hill College, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Philadelphia, PA. While working, she received her certification as a supply chain professional. She has served on three parish council teams, including two at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kernersville and completed the Diocese of Charlotte's lay ministry program. Anne was recognized as an Alumni Hall of Fame inductee and has been a contributing member of Bishop's alumni board since 2018.

Anne credits BMCHS with providing a firm foundation for many of her currently held beliefs and preparing her for the numerous opportunities afforded throughout her life. She is excited to be a part of the advisory board to support the school's leadership in ensuring Bishop's continued success for years to come.

JOSE A. CERECEDO LOPEZ (2025-28) – Vice Chair

José is an Assistant Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship at Elon University's Love School of Business, where he teaches courses in strategy and entrepreneurship for both undergraduate and MBA students. He also advises the Entrepreneurship and International Business majors and is affiliated with Elon's Doherty Center for Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.

Originally from Mexico, José was educated in Catholic schools from kindergarten through college, where he earned his degree in Finance and Accounting. While still in college, he launched a hospitality business that he successfully grew and sold before continuing his studies abroad. He holds a Master's in Strategic Management

from Universidad Francisco de Vitoria in Madrid, an MBA from Arizona State University, and a Ph.D. from The University of Texas at San Antonio.

José and his wife, Pilar, both served as Catholic youth missionaries—José in Central America and Pilar in Ireland—and now raise their growing family in Greensboro, where their children attend St. Pius X Catholic School. He serves on the board of Hustle PHX, a faith-driven nonprofit that supports underserved entrepreneurs through spiritual, social, and financial capital.

TOM CROMARTIE (2024-27)

Tom is the Chief Financial Officer for Morrisette Packaging, a provider of packaging, design, and automation solutions for some of the world's biggest brands. He has previously worked in public accounting and in senior finance roles for several Triad-based companies.

Tom has a BS and MS in Accounting from UNC-Wilmington and is a licensed CPA. He currently serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Greater Greensboro and is a member of the Finance Council at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Greensboro.

Tom and his wife, Amanda, have two children – William (Class of 2028) and James (an 8th grader at St. Pius X Catholic School).

RYAN FERGUSON (2025-28)

Ryan Ferguson is the Vice President of Client Services at Go Forth Marketing, where he leads client strategy, brand partnerships, and campaign execution with a focus on innovation, integrity, and long-term growth. A native of Follansbee, West Virginia, Ryan earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Waynesburg University. After graduation, he moved to High Point, North Carolina, where he has been an active member of the community for over two decades.

Earlier in his career, Ryan worked with Fortune 500 companies in NASCAR, securing major sponsorships and managing brand partnerships for names like 3M, Kellogg, and Unilever. His experience includes live driver interviews, experiential marketing programs, and landmark deals in one of America's most iconic sports industries. Before joining Go Forth Marketing, Ryan was Marketing Manager for the City of High Point, where he helped shape its award-winning brand and narrative in support of the city's mission.

Ryan and his wife, Casey, are proud parents to their son, Declan. Today, Ryan brings that same passion for connection, community, storytelling, and strategy to every client he serves.

CONNIE HUTJENS (2023-26)

Connie is a Product Supply Senior Director at Procter and Gamble in Greensboro, NC. She has over 25 years of experience in engineering program management, facility management and master planning, and supply chain operational management. Through her career at P&G she has been located at multiple locations leading projects across multiple different consumer product supply chains and new plant expansions. Connie obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University in 1998.

Connie has previous experience as a board member for Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Cincinnati, Ohio where she played a role in revision in the Strategic plan and building a development plan to support the school's endowment goals. Connie and her husband, Martin have two children, Grace (Class of 2022) and Andrew (Class of 2025). Connie and Marty are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point.

DR. LAURIE MACDONALD (2023-26)

Laurie has been a Pediatrician with Novant Health Forsyth Pediatrics for over 20 years, where she cares for infants, school age children, and young adults and their families. She grew up in western Pennsylvania and moved to Winston-Salem to attend Wake Forest University in 1991. She received her undergraduate, medical, and Pediatrics residency from Wake Forest before completing a year of Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Northwestern University in Chicago. She and her family then moved to Kernersville, NC to practice outpatient pediatrics.

Laurie and her husband, John, have five children who have attended local Catholic Elementary/Middle and High Schools: Audrey (BMHS '19); Sadie (BMHS '22); Nora (BMHS '24); Lucy (BMHS '27); and Duncan (SLCS). They currently serve in St. Leo's Catholic Church, having transitioned from Kernersville's Holy Cross Catholic Church as their home parish in 2014.

When not working, Laurie enjoys spending time with her family, reading, being a Leader in Girls' BSA Scouting, and sharing her Catholic faith with others.

Non-voting Members

SUZIE STEPHENS – Business Manager

Suzie brings with her 35 years of experience in a truck dealership environment, along with valuable experience as a med tech in an assisted living facility. Her journey to Bishop was a leap of faith, guided by prayer and supported by her family and friends. Suzie was drawn to our community by the warmth and kindness she observed even before her arrival. Outside of work, Suzie cherishes time with her two sons, their spouses, and her grandchildren, and she has a passion for gardening, canning, and the timeless music of Barry Manilow.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER BROCK - Chaplain

Fr. Christopher Brock was assigned as the full-time chaplain of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in the summer of 2024. Prior to his assignment at Bishop McGuinness, Fr. Brock served as the parochial vicar at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kernersville, NC. Fr. Brock holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, NC, and a Master of Divinity from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati, OH.

Fr. Brock grew up in Charlotte, NC, and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Charlotte in the summer of 2023, and he considers the priesthood to be one of the greatest blessings in his life. He is very grateful for the opportunity to carry out his priestly ministry at Bishop McGuinness, and hopes that his presence in the school will be a blessing to the whole community

DAN GRAVO – Director of Advancement and Communications

Mr. Dan Gravo comes to the Bishop McGuinness community from High Point University where he served as Director of Major Gifts. Prior to High Point, Dan spent almost 25 years working for Catholic educational

institutions, serving as a coach, athletic director, development director, and most recently president of a twelve-school parochial PK-12 school system in Stark County, Ohio. A native of Canton, OH, he earned an MA in Education from Walsh University in North Canton, OH and a BA in History from John Carroll University in University Heights, OH.

Dan and his wife, Jill, reside in Browns Summit. They have two children, McKenna, a student at High Point University, and Jackson, a member of Bishop's Class of 2028. Dan is grateful to be part of the Bishop McGuinness family and looks forward to partnering with staff, families, friends, and alumni in advancing the mission of the school.

DR. JARED RASHFORD – President

Dr. Rashford (Jared) joined Bishop in June of 2021 after a national search for the next Head of School and began as the school's first president in June 2024. He brings more than 25 years' experience as a teacher, department chair and administrator. He holds a doctorate in teaching and learning from Georgia State University, a master's degree in education from Wake Forest University, and a bachelor's degree in biology and Spanish from Duke University.

Jared has received numerous awards throughout his career including the Hayden-Waltz Outstanding Dissertation Award from Georgia State University and the Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award from Wake Forest University. He served on academic and advisory boards for public and private schools and helped numerous develop accreditation reports and strategic plans.

Jared and his wife, Amanda, have five children, including Mary (Class of 2023), James (Class of 2025), and Anna (Class of 2028). They are parishioners at St. Paul the Apostle in Greensboro.

CLAIRE WILLIS – Principal

Claire Willis joined Bishop in June 2024 as Principal. She most recently served as the Assistant Superintendent for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and has 10 years of experience as a Catholic school administrator. She is a certified Education Leader and Education Specialist in Gifted Education and holds a Master of Education degree from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Business Administration degree from Louisiana State University – Shreveport, as well as a bachelor's degree in history from LSU.

Claire leads the Principal's Council at Bishop and advises the Academic Council. In previous administrative roles, she served on several strategic committees within the Cristo Rey Network and the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Outside of education, she also served on the board of the Rocketkidz Foundation in Baton Rouge, as well as on the Steering Committee for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy of Baton Rouge.

Claire and her husband, Chandler, have five children including Gabrielle ('26), Valerie ('28), and Cecelia and Riggs, currently enrolled at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Ex-officio Non-voting Members

Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents of the Catholic Schools Office