

# SissyMarySue

## EDUCATION FUND

**Founder, Executive Director/Servant Leader, Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser a.k.a SissyMarySue**

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### BOARD of DIRECTORS

Bios & Pictures of our ILLUSTRIOUS Board of Directors (10)



**Brittany Clausell, EdD (Secretary of the Board of Directors-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** is a multiethnic and multilingual educational professional. Since 2009, Dr. Clausell has taught a variety of K-12 to adult classes, courses, individualized lessons, and group workshops/seminars on Spanish, Global Cultures, English to Speakers of Other Languages, Career/College Readiness, Social Justice, and Educational Leadership Development. Born in South Minneapolis and raised in the Northwestern Suburbs to parents from the American South who experienced the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Dr. Clausell has incorporated all the lessons on racial equality, social equity, diversity, and inclusion from her parents and applied them to her life's work in creating safe and equitable spaces and places for children to receive an accessible and robust education.

Dr. Clausell's research focuses on empowering people to become leaders in their own environment and analyzes the impact of lived experience on the development of personal codes of ethics, moral reasoning, and ethical leadership. In addition to her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Gwynedd Mercy Catholic University, Dr. Clausell also holds an Education Specialist degree in

Leadership in Educational Administration from Capella University, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Languages and Cultures, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish Language and Literature Studies, Ethnic (Chicano/Latino) Studies, and Social Justice and Community Studies, both from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. When Dr. Clausell is not researching, educating, or running her own business as an independent education consultant, she enjoys spending time with her family, dancing on a Latin cultural pride dance troupe, going to the lake/beach, and spending time traveling and playing billiards with her fiancé.



**Karen Collins. M.S., M.S., M.Ed**

**(Vice President of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** Born

Karen A. White in 1964. Karen migrated from Jamaica West Indies (J.A.) to the USA in 1983. She first lived in Connecticut with her mother, aunt and siblings. She graduated high school and next attended Stone Academy Business School in New Haven Connecticut, in 1986. She worked from 1986-88 as a secretary in New Haven at Hartford Insurance Company, in Commercial lines. In 1988 she relocated to Springfield Massachusetts to work for Lenox American Saw Manufacturing Company. She married Floyd V. Collins in 1991. Together Karen and Floyd have three beautiful children. Ingrid was born 1993, Sean 1995 and Dwayne 1996! Karen is part owner at Aztec Automotive repair and sales with her husband. Karen is a family mental health clinician since 2015, where she serves at-risk 10–19-year-olds. She works to be a powerful source of support in work and practices her determined promising approach and energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed. Her husband, their three children and four grandchildren inspire her daily! She attends church regularly and loves Gospel music and babysitting her four grandchildren!

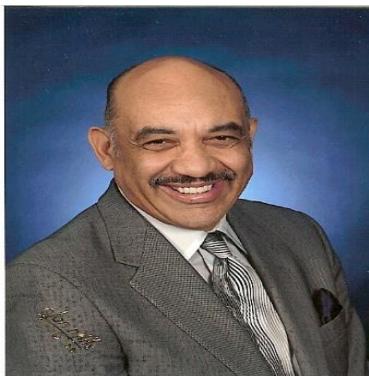
1985 to 1986 – Diploma, Word Processing, Stone Academy Business School, 2006 to 2010 – B.A. in Finance, Small Business Development, University Without Walls at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. 2010 to 2011 – M.S. in Human Services, Springfield College, Springfield MA. 2011 to 2015 – M.Ed. in Marriage and Family, Mental Health and Addiction Therapy, Cambridge College, Springfield, MA. 2016 to 2019 – Major in Early Childhood Development Ph.D. program, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA. Transferred within Fielding Graduate University, 2020 into Human Development (H.D.), Ph.D. program; obtained an M.S. in Human Development. Continues to pursue a doctoral Ph.D. degree in H.D. Karen A. Collins' goal is to complete the H.D. Ph.D. degree program and continue her work in the mental health field.



**Dr. Susan Eddington, PhD** President of Ecocuriean Inc.,

is a Media Psychology scholar/practitioner and accredited public relations counselor (APR), a Fellow of the Marie Fielder Center for Democracy, Leadership and Education and a Fellow of the Institute for Social Innovation at Fielding Graduate University. An award-winning management consultant, Dr. Susan Eddington has more than 35 years' experience developing evidence-based strategies to address inter-group relations and increase diversity, equity, and inclusion for governmental, political, and private sector organizations. As president of Ecocuriean, she leads a multi-disciplinary collective that develops content across media platforms to promote pro-social behavior. The Ecocurean team includes scholars/practitioners, writers, artists, and IT professionals who meld the art and science of communication grounded in theoretical principals from psychology and neuroscience to develop communications strategy, diversity, equity and inclusion strategies, training programs, and other technology-based solutions influences on attitudes and behavior and their consequences in the social reality of society and marginalized groups.

My research interests include media representations, media effects, inter-group relations, social identity, gender empowerment and sustainability. I am currently conducting a study of media representations of music videos that encourage self-love and acceptance using a social identity and gender empowerment framework.



**Dr. Lenneal J. Henderson, PhD (President of**

**Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** Dr. Lenneal Henderson is currently Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Eminent Scholar at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia as well as a Mentoring Faculty member of the Educational Leadership for Change Doctoral Program of the Fielding Graduate University. He is also currently a Fellow of the International City/County Management Association in Washington, D.C. He was formerly a Visiting Faculty member in the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary; Distinguished

**Professor of Public and International Affairs; Senior Fellow of the Schaefer Center for Public Policy and Assistant Dean of the College of Public Affairs at the University of Baltimore; Head and Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Senior Faculty Member, Federal Executive Institute; Professor, School of Business and Public Administration at Howard University; Director of Ethnic Studies at the University of San Francisco**

He has worked in the U.S. Department of Energy, the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Department of State. He was also Chair of the Mayor's Budget Commission for the District of Columbia and a Board Member of the National Civic League. He has Chaired the Boards of the Greater Baltimore Urban League and the Maryland Humanities Council and is currently on the Boards of Virginia Humanities and LifeNet Health, Inc.

He also has written and performed one-man plays about Thurgood Marshall, A. Philip Randolph, Howard Thurman, Robert Weaver and W.E.B. DuBois throughout the nation, often as fundraising activities.

He was a Kellogg National Fellow and a Ford Foundation, National Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He received his B.A, M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. He currently lives in Claremont, Virginia.



**De'Arris Judkins** is an Audio Engineer, Artist Consultant, Producer and Musician. In this role, De'Arris; records, coaches, even arranges music and content of all genres. This ranges from film, audio books, podcasts and commercial content. As a Professional and Artist, De'Arris may seem to wear many hats, within his field but his core focus has remained a constant. It is in that of Leadership, Unity, and Mentorship (both received and given). He passes his knowledge and perspective down to his peers and loved ones.

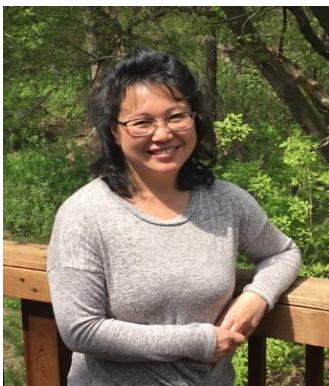
De'Arris has been actively working in his field for 8 years. He has pushed the boundaries, to get the absolute most out of his education from IPR (Minneapolis based audio-recording college) by spending countless hours in the studio, and advocating for himself. In spite of knowing he had a learning disability, De'Arris learned early on, before college that it took him a little longer to understand certain curriculum. It didn't mean that he was less competent than his peers. It actually empowered him to speak up for himself, when he didn't understand. De'Arris is passionate about empowering those around him. He believes that when you speak life into those who are around you, you have the power to change the world.



**Lisa Laubach, M.S.** earned her Master's in Physical Therapy from the College of St. Scholastica in 2003. She has practiced as a licensed physical therapist for 17 years with NovaCare Rehabilitation, a Select Medical Company. Since 2004, she has served as clinic manager for the St. Cloud/Sartell NovaCare location. Several years during this time were also spent as a market manager overseeing operations of multiple clinics in the Northwest Minnesota region. Clinically, she treats a multitude of orthopedic disorders with a special interest in chronic pain management as a Pain Care Yoga certified clinician.



**Jonathan E. Luckey Sr., M.Ed.**, Educator, Father, doctoral student at St. Cloud State in the final stage of Dissertation. I have fifteen years of teaching experience (K-12 public and private, Social Studies, Special Education, and Higher Education (undergraduate and graduate/doctoral levels) and years of Administrative experience in the private sector. As an administrator in Minnesota, I created programs and built them into lasting legacies. I earned two degrees (B.A. in Political Science, M.A. in Secondary Education) from Loyola Marymount University, located in Los Angeles, CA. I am currently working on my third degree, as I have recently completed my coursework for my Doctorate in Education and Administrative Leadership at St. Cloud State University, in Minnesota.



**Michelle Melcher (Treasurer of Board-SissyMarySue Education Fund)** I came to MN when I was three years old and continue to build my life here. I have a wonderful husband Glenn of 20 years and three handsome sons Andrew, Josh and Christopher. I am a lead volunteer coordinator for our church raising funds two to three times a year for our Youth missionary trip. I'm employed full time, with the same company

for over 20 years and work part time on a case-by-case basis. I love to go for walks enjoying the nature. Creating memories with my family and friends to laugh with and share stories is my favorite.



**Mary Rathsabandith** was born and raised in St. Cloud, MN.

Mary is the youngest of five to first generation immigrants who moved to the U.S. from Laos. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree at St. Cloud State University majoring in Business Computer Information Systems with a minor in Human Relations. During her time there she co-founded the Asian Students in Action organization and was a recipient of the Excellence in Leadership award. She is a devoted wife, mother to six children and an IT Senior Test Engineer at Delta Air Lines, Inc.



**Cornelius Rish, M.Ed** has dedicated his professional career to

education as a teacher, principal, professional development facilitator, youth retreat organizer and facilitator, instructional coach, athletic coach, and theater director. Using equity as a guide, Cornelius strives to help students be their best selves while helping schools recognize and address educational inequities. Cornelius has received many awards and recognitions throughout his education career, including receiving the Minnesota Peace Prize for his efforts to change the culture and climate in schools. He has a Master's Degree in Education. He serves as Cultural Liaison for Stillwater Schools.