

School Board Appreciation Week

This week, March 18-22, is recognized as School Board Appreciation Week!

Administrators, faculty, staff and students of Rome City Schools would like to send a huge thank you out to our Board members for their continued guidance and their efforts to improve the educational opportunities for our students. In honor of their dedication to their duties, we decided to help the community get to know them on a more personal level.

Each day, we will highlight a few fun facts that some may not know about the seven men and women who help to lead our system.

So, if you see one of these folks in the grocery store line or walking their dogs in the neighborhood, please let them know they are appreciated.

Again, Rome City Schools would like to say thank you all for your leadership and help in making this system the best place to learn and grow.

Faith Collins

Board Member Since: January 1, 2002.

Do you play an instrument? If so, which one? Yes, I play the piano.

What is your best memory as a board member? My best memory as a board member was the day Anna K. Davie Elementary School was finally opened. We experienced so many unforeseen problems, but the final result has been wonderful for our students.

Who was your favorite teacher and why? My favorite teacher was Mrs. Walters. We weren't just her students, we were part of her extended family. She made learning exciting.

What was your favorite subject in school? I loved to study history in school.



Jill Fisher

Board Member Since: January 1, 2018.

What are your hobbies? I would have to say spending time with my family, especially now that my oldest is a Junior at Rome High School. I also love walking with friends to exercise.

What do you want to accomplish by being on the board? I try to be a positive voice for Rome City Schools while always being mindful of areas that could be improved. I love Rome City Schools and it is my hope that that is the mark I leave behind someday. I try to represent our community within the school board, and I try to represent Rome City Schools within our community. I stay active within the community, as I am a regular volunteer and Board Chair for Good Neighbor Ministries, a board member for the Open Door Home, an active member at First Presbyterian Church, and am participating in Leadership Rome this year. Two things I can hardly wait to see completed are Main Elementary and the College and Career Academy. Hopefully, the Sixth Grade Academy will be started soon. It is exciting times for Rome City Schools!

What is your favorite color? I think I am supposed to say red, black, and gold or maybe even purple and gold since I went to LSU, but really my favorite color is blue.

What is your most unusual talent? I have a degree in Chemical Engineering, but I really love decorating.



Elaina Beeman

Board Member Since: January 1, 2014.

Would you choose a fruit or vegetable? I would choose a fruit.

Which one? A Georgia peach, of course!

What is your favorite children's book and why? "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg is my favorite children's book, because it's adventurous and magical. I read the book with all three of my children and watched the movie with all three of my children, as well. And each time that I watch this movie, I get motivated to empower other children to dream about the impossible and to know that they will achieve if they only believe.

What is the best book or series you've ever read? "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker

Coke or Pepsi? Coke, without a doubt!



John Uldrick

Board Member Since: January 1, 2018.

If you could only eat one food the rest of your life, what would it be? Why? Bacon. Although it isn't altogether healthy, bacon is scrumptious and should be considered its own food group.

What is the best book or series you've ever read? As a pastor, I should probably list the Bible, but outside of that, I'd say "The Firm" by John Grisham. I read it during my late high school years, and I consider reading that book the genesis of my love of reading.

What are you looking forward to in the next 10 years? Traveling with my wife, continuing to serve the church, watching my children graduate from college, watching them begin successful careers, and possibly watching them start families.

What job would you be terrible at? I would be a terrible History teacher. I'm not great at thinking about the past, recalling historical facts or creating order from those events. I tend to be a "now" person who takes things as they come and discovers the future one day at a time. Faced with any given scenario, I can quickly spot the relevant patterns and issues.



Alvin Jackson

Board Member Since: January 1, 2018.

What are your hobbies? Oh, that's easy. I love golf, golf and more golf!

What is your favorite thing to do in Rome? I like to occasionally take in a good movie at one of our theaters and serving my community has always been a passion for me. There are so many wonderful things to do in our city and there is always work to be done. So, picking just one is tough, unless it is golf!

What is your favorite color? My favorite color is green.



Will Byington

Board Member Since: September 13, 2016.

If you could only eat one food the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza, for sure!

Who is your favorite college team? All of the teams that have former Rome High students playing for them.

What is your favorite thing to do in Rome? Spending time with my wife and two boys (William and Thomas) and going to their sporting events.



Melissa Davis

Board Member Since: January 1, 2018.

What are your hobbies? Reading about how to solve problems in a different way, spending time with my family and travel.

What is your favorite children’s book and why? “Number the Stars” by Lois Lowry. I love the story of a young girl who experiences the mistreatment of her friends and becomes a part of the answer by treating people equally and kindly.

Coke or Pepsi? Neither. We drink water all the time, and milk at dinner!

