



Jeff Williams

Mayor

The City of Arlington

Jeff Williams was elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Arlington in May 2015 after decades of public service in Arlington.

Mayor Williams is president of Arlington based Graham Associates, Inc., an award-winning engineering and planning firm. He has worked on a host of Arlington-based projects, including: AT&T Stadium, the I.H. 30 Three Bridges Project, Globe Life Park, River Legacy Living Science Center, the Parks Mall, the Viridian development and the Richard Greene Linear Park. In 2009, Williams was presented with the State of Texas Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award.

During his 30 years in Arlington, Williams has been heavily involved in the community. His approach to leadership is inclusive and built on a foundation of finding consensus. That can be seen in many of Williams' projects including the 2008 Arlington City Bond Election Committee and the 2014 AISD School Bond Election Committee. He chaired both committees and both bonds passed by wide margins. In 2014, Williams served on the City of Arlington's Comprehensive Planning Committee. Mayor Williams has held leadership and volunteer roles in a variety of Arlington organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, PTA, Salvation Army, Mission Arlington and River Legacy Foundation. His community service has been recognized with the Vandergriff Community Leadership Award.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in civil engineering, Williams was inducted into the university's Civil Engineering Academy for Engineering Excellence.

More than three decades ago, Williams and his wife Karen picked Arlington over other North Texas communities to raise their family, in part because of the quality of education in the Arlington Independent School District. All three of his children went to AISD schools throughout their public education, graduating from Martin High School. Their oldest daughter taught first grade at AISD's Roque more Elementary for three years. The Williams are active members of First

Baptist Church of Arlington where he has served in numerous leadership roles including chairman of the Board of Deacons and chairman of the Building, Master planning, and Property Acquisition Committee.



Vistasp M. Karbhari

President

The University of Texas at Arlington

A visionary leader and accomplished scholar, Vistasp M. Karbhari took office in June 2013 as the eighth president of The University of Texas at Arlington. He is a professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering.

As president, Dr. Karbhari is committed to advancing UTA's national and international profile while strengthening excellence in research and teaching and ensuring the success of the University's more than 58,000 students in Texas and around the world.

Prior to joining UTA, President Karbhari served at the University of Alabama where he was provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, University of California, San Diego and the University of Delaware.

A prolific researcher, President Karbhari is an expert in the processing and mechanics of composites, durability of materials, infrastructure rehabilitation, and multi-threat mitigation and has authored or co-authored more than 460 papers in journals and conference proceedings and edited or co-edited six books.

He is a Fellow of several pre-eminent research and professional organizations, including the National Academy of Inventors; ASM International; the International Institute for Fiber-reinforced Polymers in Construction; the International Society for Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure; the American Society of Civil Engineers; and the ASCE's Structural Engineering Institute.

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Eugene Giovannini
Chancellor
 The Tarrant County College

Dr. Eugene Giovannini joined the Tarrant County College District as Chancellor on August 22, 2016. He brings more than 30 years of professional experience at community colleges, including his most recent tenure as the founding President of Maricopa Corporate College in Scottsdale, Arizona, and 11 years as President of GateWay Community College in Phoenix. Now as he leads TCC, the 16th largest institution in the country serving nearly 100,000 students, the Chancellor's commitment to higher education continues. Chancellor Giovannini previously served as the Board Chair for the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship and as a board member of the American Association of Community Colleges. His extensive experience with workforce development and industrial and economic development programs enabled him to lead the creation of the Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation (CEI), work that began in 2006 and continues strong today. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Chancellor Giovannini has made giving back and serving others a priority throughout his career, as evidenced by his appointment on numerous boards of directors. He cares deeply about economic impact, collaboration, and proactively pursuing opportunities to strengthen communities. The Chancellor earned a doctorate in Community College Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and has a Bachelor of Science in Business Education and a Master of Education from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Marina, have three children.



Linda Valdez Thompson
*Executive Vice President of
 Administration and Diversity*
 DFW International Airport

Linda Valdez Thompson is the Executive Vice President of Administration and Diversity at DFW International Airport, the 3rd busiest airport in the world. Linda is one of the highest-ranking Latinas in the aviation industry.

Linda oversees the Airport's award-winning business diversity program which continues to create significant economic opportunity for North Texas' small, minority and woman-owned businesses. Linda is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Linda has received many awards and distinctions including, "La Cima Leadership Award" (Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), "Statewide Women of Distinction Award" (Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce), "Corporate Advocate of the Year" (Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce). She is also an alumni of the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI).



Jerome Lee
*Relationship Manager, Vendor
 Financial Services Manager*
 Wells Fargo Bank

Jerome Lee is the Business Development / Relationship Manager at Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services. He is also the Chapter Chair for the Asian Connection Team Member Network, an employee affinity group to promote diversity and inclusion at Wells Fargo.



Cathy Trinh
 Cathy Trinh is a trusted business advisor for the Tarrant Small Business Development Center. Her passion is helping businesses become bankable and aligning them with the right

lenders for their financial situation. Cathy Trinh's community involvement includes teaching business courses at Tarrant County College and connecting her students with prominent business leaders in DFW area. Ms. Trinh is fluent in English and Vietnamese. She earned her Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.



Sophia Kwong

Sophia is a reform-minded educator with a passionate commitment to education equity, access, and diversity. She received her Bachelors of English and Spanish from the University of

Texas at Austin and a Masters of International Education Policy from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a Fulbright scholar that spent a year as an English Teaching Assistant at La Universidad de San Miguel de Tucuman in Argentina. She is the Coordinator for Uplift's first International Baccalaureate.



(JP) Jeung Ho Park
SVP & Regional Manager
The Bank of Hope

JP Park is currently SVP & Regional Manager of Bank of Hope. He is a successful business banker credited with opening the first Bank of Hope's full-service branch in Dallas' Korea Town in 2005. This was a huge plus to the Korean-Americans and the greater Asian-Americans in the local area who did not have many options to obtain financing. To serve the Asian-American community of Tarrant County, he opened a branch in North Richland Hills four years later. In 2014, Mr. Park spearheaded the opening of the first branch in Houston and a second branch in 2016. Mr. Park is also the Alumnus of the 1st Dallas FBI Citizen's Academy and he was the Vice Chair of the Greater Dallas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce from 1997 to 1998. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Brigham Young University in Hawaii and he received a Master of Science degree in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Linda Kao
Assistant Dean of Global Programs,
The Cox School of Business
Southern Methodist University

Linda Kao came to Dallas with her family in the early 1970's from Taiwan, where her father was a career diplomat and her mother, an active civic leader. Her parents opened Royal China Restaurant which has

continued to thrive as a successful family-owned business, and an iconic institution in Dallas for over 40 years. Ms. Kao's career has drawn from her family and her heritage in both her professional and volunteer activities, combining the themes of business opportunities, leadership development, promotion of her Asian heritage, and internationalism.

Upon receiving BBA degree from SMU Cox School of Business, she started her career as an assistant buyer for a major department store, but soon she returned to Professional Modeling which began during college. She became one of the most sought-after faces in the industry. Prior to joining SMU Cox in 1999, she worked on projects for 4 Winter and 3 Summer Olympic Games, 3 World Cups, 1 World Expo, 25 live telecasts for Miss Universe, Miss USA, Miss Teen USA and numerous international meetings and events.

Ms. Kao is Assistant Dean of Global Programs for the Cox School of Business, SMU. In this capacity, she creates and manages international opportunities for all the Master programs and BB program. Ms. Kao is a recipient of numerous awards for her leadership and community involvement. She was honored as Ernest & Young "Inclusiveness Champion of the Year Award", Asian American Citizens' Council with "Person of the Year", American Jewish Congress "Women of Spirit Awards", DAABA "Community Leadership Award", Chase Bank also honored her for "Strengthening the Community through Diversity, Leadership, and Commitment."

Ms. Kao is a past Chairwoman of the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of commerce. Her Board services included the Dallas Museum of Art; World Affairs Council, The Women's Museum, Baylor Healthcare System Foundation, Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dallas Chinese Community Center and the Chinese Institute of Engineers. Currently she is the Chair of Asian 100, and serves on the board of Crow Collection of Asian Art and an active member of Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations and Dallas Assembly.

Ms. Kao is married to Joseph Lu, they have two children.



Ken M. Tse, AIA, LEED
AP President
KMT Architects

Ken M. Tse, AIA, the founding Principal of KMT Architects, has over 33 years of experience in a diverse range of architectural disciplines. KMT Architects is a Dallas-based collaborative Design Firm, specializing in architecture and interiors for commercial, multi-family, office, restaurants, and sustainable design projects. Ken's past experiences include the role of Vice President and Senior Designer at HKS Inc., one of the nation's largest architectural firms. He was responsible for the design and led design efforts on many large-scale and high profile projects totaling over five million square feet throughout the USA and internationally.

Ken is also the Founder and the President of Noahplex LLC, an international consulting firm focusing on business development between the USA, Hong Kong, China, and Mexico. Noahplex serves as a bridge to promote businesses and trade between these countries by providing consulting and logistic support for trade missions, tourism, and expo opportunities. Noahplex has office representations in Texas and Asia with established relationships with the commerce departments, local businesses, and universities in these regions. Since 2012, Noahplex along with partnerships of the local Chambers of Commerce hosted several VIP delegations, business conferences, and university programs. In addition, Ken successfully organized the first USA participation to the China South Asia Expo and Kunming Import & Export Fair, one of the largest expos in the region with over 200,000 attendees daily. Ken, in collaboration with the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce and the International Business Council, led the Dallas Delegation as the mission leader for the Hong Kong Belt and Road Summit. Ken is the President of the Asian American Contractors Association of Texas. He serves on the Advisory Council Board for the School of Architecture at Mississippi State University, member of the DFW Asian American Citizens Council, and a member of the Advisory Diversity Task Force for the City of Dallas. Ken is a Registered Architect in the State of Texas and is a LEED Accredited Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council. He is a member of the American Institute of

Architects and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Beyond architecture and international consulting, Ken practices the principle of business as a mission, serving local communities and internationally. Ken is the Executive Director of New Hope of China, a nonprofit organization based in Dallas, Texas, helping with education, life-skills training, and community projects for the disadvantaged ethnic minorities in the underserved regions of Asia.



Kinam Kim Martin
COO
SNG Dialysis Centers
President
NTKNA

Kinam "Kim" Martin (박기남) is the Chief Operating Officer(COO) of SNG Dialysis Centers. She is currently responsible for 21 dialysis clinics over three states: Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Kim manages the daily operation of the company and oversees operations across facilities. SNG has maintained a multi million dollar budget yearly for the past seven years, and during the 3rd quarter of this year, SNG will be adding two more clinics.

Kim enters her 34th year of nursing this year. Prior to her work with SNG Dialysis, she held a Facility Administrator position at Tarrant Dialysis/US Renal Care. She also worked at Thomason General Hospital, Providence Memorial Hospital, and William Beaumont Army Medical Center. She received numerous exceptional performance awards from William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the Administrator of the year award from Tarrant dialysis/US Renal Care.

Kim was the president of the North Texas Nursing Association (NTKNA) from 2003-2007.

She is currently serving as the director of board members for the NTKNA.

Kim received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington.



Vi Nguyen deVittorio
Administrator Assistant
 The Manhattan Construction Company

Vi Nguyen (deVittorio) was born in Danang where she attended Le Quy Don Gifted High School. In 2006, Vi received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in HCMC. During university, Vi worked nights as a certified translator and math tutor to subsidize her university education.

Early in her career, Vi worked in international marketing for Danao Properties in Saigon, a US company owned by DHL founder Larry Hildebrande whose properties included Dalat Palace and Golf. Later, Vi joined Indochina Capital in Danang as a property researcher and she later was head of administration on construction of the Hyatt Regency Danang Resort and Spa and Montgomerie Links Golf where she headed Administration and Human Resources on these projects. During this period, Vi was also a real estate reporter and authored a real estate newsletter on land development in the central coast.

Following this, Vi turned to business development and project management. Her projects included a 200,000 square meter design build landscape project that included a nursery the size of 2 football fields.

In 2103, Vi ventured to Yangon Myanmar in search of business opportunities for Vietnamese companies. Vi headed a Vietnamese design build consortium on tender of a two 100,000 square meter multimillion dollar condominium projects. Later, Vi acquired several design and project management contracts for Vietnamese companies on condominium, villa and international school projects.

Vi has maintained McKinney Texas as her home since 2012. Vi returned to Texas fulltime in 2016 so that her daughter can attend school in McKinney. Vi now works for Manhattan Construction on the Village project in Dallas.



Christina Chin
Director of International Program
 The University of Texas at Arlington

Christina Chin is the Director of International Programs of Center for Global Academic Initiatives at University of Texas at Arlington. Christina has worked in the advising area and responsible for running several successful training programs and degree programs sponsored by large state owned enterprises from China. She has spent most of her last 15 years overseeing one of the largest foreign EMBA programs in China and has led many executives from the DFW area to China as part of their program immersion trip and established many strong relationships with the Chinese executives, who are UTA alumni as well. Christina holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology, a Master's degree in Information Systems and an MBA.



Yu Meng, PhD
President
 The ACP (Association of Chinese Professionals) Foundation
Data Scientist
 ONCOR

Yu Meng is President of the ACP Foundation, formerly known as Association of Chinese Professionals, a 501.c.3 institution that promotes Science and Technology, Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Investment and Service in the community. He is a long term volunteer and leader in the Asian Community. He has led, organized and initiated many influential programs. At work, he is a data scientist at Oncor in the Internet of Things and Big Data Analytics of Smart Grid. He holds a PhD in Computer Science. He is an IEEE Senior Member, an officer at its Fort Worth Power and Energy Systems Chapter. He is a frequent speaker and organizer at national and international professional conferences on technologies including IEEE. He also serves in the board of directors of the Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA DFW Chapter. He is Chairman of the Board of North Texas Hubei Association. He is a board member for USA Display LLC. He is a coach and judge for adolescent science and technology projects. The teams and individuals he supervised have won top

awards and prizes in schools, regions and the state on numerous occasions.



Anh Vo

Owner

Cindi's NY Deli Restaurant & Bakery

Married at 19, the Trans honeymooned for a very short time in their native Vietnam. Six months into their marriage, Hong was captured as an army officer and imprisoned by the Viet Cong for three years.

Over and over, their home was broken into and they were ultimately robbed of almost everything they had. Anh had hidden a few diamonds and some gold that were wedding gifts to her from her mother.

During the time that Hong was held captive, Anh hid in bushes and braved the elements to try to reach her husband. After numerous bribes and much heartache, her husband was returned to her.

Knowing that they had to leave to make a better life for the family they hoped for, Hong and Anh planned to leave. They joined the many who fought so hard to leave their country but who did so because they simply wanted the freedom to discuss and criticize, to worship as they please, to earn a decent living and to live under a just and fair government.

For Hong and Anh Tran, in 1979 their journey away from their homeland brought them to Dallas. With their 19-day-old daughter, Minh Hai, wrapped in blankets, they left behind family, friends and the only life, language and home they knew.

After landing in Texas, Hong and Anh took jobs to feed their small family as they had come to this country almost penniless. Hong began working for an electronics company at base wages and then worked his way up as a technician for the Xerox Corporation. Anh worked endless hours sewing in her home, always remembering the lessons of her mother who taught her to persevere no matter what. After saving some money, the Trans purchased a small grocery store-deli in the Lake June area of Dallas.

As Anh had never really learned to cook in Vietnam, her first lessons in the kitchen came from the cook who worked for her. Chicken-fried steak and other Southern

cooked specialties were the beginnings of her culinary career.

After selling the grocery store to purchase a small convenience store in the mid-1980's, the Trans sold that business to finance a restaurant, B.J.'s on Harry Hines. After a number of years of learning the restaurant business, Anh heard that the very popular and successful deli, "Cindy's" on Central Expressway, was for sale.

Together, she and Hong decided that owning the frontage-road deli would be their next step and they have been there now for 25 years. Fortunately, most of the employees were still available for hire and that made the transition much easier. For the Trans, this was a new form of traveling in "uncharted waters."

A few years later, Anh also purchased the "Bagel Emporium" deli in Richardson at the intersection of Coit and Campbell. That deli had been providing Cindi's with their bagels and some of the other baked goods.

Today, Anh owns five locations of Cindi's N.Y. Delicatessen Restaurant & Bakery serving high quality food and service in DFW. The business is very successful because many Customers come on a regular basis. The Cindi's N.Y. Delicatessen Restaurant & Bakery just celebrated their 25th anniversary in August, 2014. This is an inspirational immigrant story. Anh came to the United States with nothing. With determination, hard work, persistence and love for people, she has fulfilled the American dream.



Kim Cummings

Assistant Vice President

BNSF

Kim Cummings, SCP, SPHR is assistant vice president, Human Resources and Diversity at BNSF Railway. In this role, Kim has responsibility for BNSF Railway's diversity and inclusion efforts. She also provides leadership to the HR matrix teams supporting Law, Compliance and Audit Services, and Technology Services. Kim splits her time on several boards that include: the University of Texas Arlington Human Resource Advisory Board, Girls Inc. of Tarrant County, the National Association

of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), the Source of Hope and the DFW Multicultural Alliance. Kim has spent over 20 years in leadership roles encouraging and promoting employee engagement in companies that include Belo (Broadcast Media), Burger King Corporation, Dell and Target Corporation. Kim has received numerous community service and is a leadership recipient of the 2012 “HR Professional of the Year” designation by Ogletree Deakins Law Firm and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 2015 DiversityFIRST™ Award from the National Diversity Council and named 2016 Texas Most Powerful Business Women by Texas Diversity Magazine.

Kim received her Bachelor degree in Social Work from Texas State University graduating from the University’s Emerging Leader program and was inducted into Who’s Who in College & Universities students. Kim received her Master degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She holds a Senior Professional designation in Human Resources and certified employee relations credentials. Kim is a professional member of the Fort Worth Human Resources Group and National Society of Human Resource Management.

In her spare time, Kim participates in marathons, teaches Human Resources Certification courses, volunteers with the Dallas Women’s Foundation – Orchid Giving Circle, Meed Center YouLead Global Youth Leadership program, Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA-DFW, Grapevine/Colleyville School District Diversity Advisory Council, United Way of Tarrant County, and speaks at local universities on the topics of diversity and human resources.



Amy Lewis Hofland
Executive Director
The Crow Collection of Asian Art

Executive Director Amy Lewis Hofland leads the Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas, the preeminent museum dedicated to the arts and cultures of Asia in the southern United States. Hofland is a life-long student, dedicated to her work at the museum and creating a more compassionate society. Today, the museum’s culture, led by compassion, is reflected not only within the staff but also in the museum’s programming. Under her leadership, the Crow Collection recently received the

Institute of Museum and Library Services’ coveted grant for diversity and inclusion training as part of the “Museums for America” program. Hofland also led the Dallas Arts District’s signing of the International Charter for Compassion and joined Compassionate DFW to lead the arts sector.



Kelly Pacleb
Public Affairs Manager
Mid-Tex Division of Atmos Energy Corporation

Kelly Pacleb is Public Affairs Manager, Mid-Tex Division for Atmos Energy Corporation. Atmos Energy is the country's largest, fully-regulated, natural-gas-only distributor, serving over three million natural gas distribution customers in over 1,400 communities in eight states.

Before joining Atmos Energy more than 9 years ago, Pacleb worked at JPS Health Network in Public Relations.

Pacleb currently serves as Chair of the Board of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford (HEB) Chamber of Commerce. Pacleb also serves on the Corporate Leadership Council and Public Policy Advisory Council for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Pacleb serves as 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of the HEB ISD Education Foundation. She is a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth, Leadership Mansfield and Leadership Cleburne and is a previous board member of the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce, United Way of West Ellis County, the Midlothian ISD and Everman ISD Education Foundations, the YMCA of Joshua, the Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce and is Past-Chair of the Joshua Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Arlington, Texas, Pacleb earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University and her Master of Science in Strategic Communication from Texas Christian University. In addition to serving the community, her greatest joy is her children: Amelia, 14, Tanner, 8, and Cayden, 6.



Greg McClure

Vice President

Manhattan Construction Company

Greg McClure is vice president at Manhattan Construction Co. He is among the construction industry's most experienced sports preconstruction professionals. He has coordinated and managed preconstruction teams for several of Manhattan Construction's high-profile, award-winning sports projects. He is currently directing the construction of the \$850 million Texas Rangers New Ballpark. Greg's project experience includes major league baseball, college football and national football facilities. His project experience includes the original construction and renovations of Texas Rangers' Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas; construction of AT&T Stadium (Home to the Dallas Cowboys) in Arlington, Texas – the world's largest operable end-zone doors and longest single-span roof structure; and the redevelopment of Texas A&M University Kyle Field in College Station, Texas – the largest renovation to a collegiate stadium in NCAA history as well as several other similar venues across the southern United States. In his 26-year career, Greg has provided pre-construction services for more than \$2.8 billion in construction projects. He is a sought-after speaker, panelist and resource for colleagues and peers. He earned a bachelor of science in construction science from Texas A&M University. He is a certified professional estimator (CPE) and is a LEED Accredited Professional.