



Mayor Jeff Williams

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 Roquemore 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, Masterplanning, and Property Acquisition Committee.



Adam C. Wright, Ph.D.

President

Dallas Baptist University

Adam C. Wright was elected president of Dallas Baptist University in June 2016. Prior to his selection, Dr. Wright served at DBU

as vice president and dean of the Cook School of Leadership, where he provided academic leadership and taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. As dean and a faculty member, he has taught numerous courses in higher education, leadership, and global studies, supervised doctoral research, shaped curriculum, and launched new programs.

With a love for international and domestic travel, Dr. Wright has led and participated in study abroad trips in England, Israel, Italy and Guatemala. He has traveled extensively throughout the New England states, specifically visiting the colonial colleges, as one of his great academic interests in exploring the history of American higher education and the preservation of Christian scholarship within the academy. His professional memberships include the International Leadership Association, Christian Leadership Alliance, and Phi Beta Delta. Dr. Wright's teaching specialties focus on Higher Education and Leadership Studies.

In 2014, he founded DBU's Institute for Global Engagement, a Christian think tank with a focus on connecting scholars and practitioners in becoming a catalyst for moral and spiritual renewal. As dean, Dr. Wright also led the campaign to raise \$8.4 million for Nation Hall, patterned after Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, which opened in 2015 as the home for the Cook School of Leadership.

Since his time as an undergraduate student at DBU, Dr. Wright has provided leadership in academic, enrollment, administrative, and advancement areas of the University. Before his time as dean, Dr. Wright had a pivotal role as Vice President for Advancement at DBU and paved the way toward unprecedented growth in fund-raising and development efforts, expanding the physical plant and increasing student scholarships.

Dr. Wright earned a Bachelor of Arts in communication, a Master of Education in Higher Education, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies from DBU. During Dr. Wright's doctoral work, he was installed as a member of the Epsilon Phi Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an Honor Society for International Scholars.

Dr. Wright is married to Candice, who received both her bachelor's degree and Master of Business Administration

degree from DBU. They have two daughters, Abigail Grace and Katherine Elizabeth. Adam and Candice are members of Park Cities Baptist Church, where they teach Sunday School and are actively engaged in the life of the church.



Nana Yuliana, Ph.D.

Consul General,

Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia (Houston, Texas)

Honorable Nana Yuliana, Ph.D arrived in Houston on September 22, 2017 to serve her duties as the

Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Houston. Prior to her position as Consul General, she was the Director of Mid-Career Diplomatic School at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia. She was assigned as First Secretary of Political Affairs at the Embassy of Indonesia in Manila from 2001-2005. During her assignment in Manila, she was a member of the Committee of the Eight of the Organization of Islamic Conference which tasked to be the monitoring team of the Implementation of Peace Agreement signed in 1996 between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines with Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

From 2008 to 2012, she was the Counselor of Economic Affairs of the Embassy of Indonesia in Bangkok and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP). She attended several meetings related to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) or Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) issues.

Her bachelor degree was English Education from Institute of Teacher's Training in Jakarta, then She pursued her Master Degree in Applied Linguistics for Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia and also International Studies from University of Indonesia in Jakarta, Indonesia. She completed her Doctoral Degree in Development Studies from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines in 2006.

While serving as a diplomat since 1995, her passion in teaching and learning encourages her as well to share her knowledge and teaches at the University in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Nana Yuliana is married to Imam Bogie Yudhaswara and they are blessed with two children.



Emma J. Stevens

F-35 Program Small Business Lead

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Emma currently serves as the F-35 Program Small Business/Supplier Diversity Lead at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Fort Worth-

Texas. Emma has been with Lockheed Martin [formally General Dynamics Corporation] since February 1984. In this position, Emma identifies strategic initiatives for the F-35 Program to help Lockheed Martin achieve its supplier diversity goals and objectives to maximize the corporation's utilization of small diverse businesses. Ms. Stevens possesses 34 years of professional experience and has had the opportunity to work in a variety of increasingly responsible positions with Lockheed Martin, including database management, project/subcontract management, technical publication, supply chain management, corporate contract agreements, mentor protégé administrator, etc.

Currently assigned to lead the F-35 Small Business Program, she works hand in hand with Lockheed Martin's procurement, engineering, production management, government affairs, and other functional teams to ensure small diverse businesses are afforded maximum practicable opportunities to participate in the corporation's subcontracting process. In addition, Emma also serves as a mentor to employees providing training and guidance to help them navigate through their career paths.

Recognized as one of WE USA's Top 50 Women in Corporate Supplier Diversity, Emma was included among a list of highly esteemed leaders for their level of commitment to small diverse, and women business development that result in exponential gains for our global economy. Emma serves in leadership roles for several organizations; to name a few – co-chair on the Corporate Advisory Board with the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, membership chair for D/FW Minority Supplier Development Council Supplier Diversity Professional Working Group, advisor for Lockheed Martin Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers, as well as work with other organizations and industry peers providing adequate tools and training for small/diverse businesses, to enhance their skills and abilities to compete for subcontracting opportunities.

A native Texan, Emma holds a Bachelor degree from the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, a Masters from the University of Phoenix, and a degree from Dallas Bible

Theological Institute. Emma remains actively engaged in various community service events helping others achieve and succeed.



Kevin Leung

VP of Southwest Asian Segment Leader, Principal Relationship Manager

Wells Fargo

As the Wells Fargo Southwest Asian Segment Leader, Kevin Leung helps spearhead the Asian Segment in the Texas Region market for the bank. Kevin sits on the Advisory board for the US Pan-Asian American Chamber of Commerce Southwest, and is a former board member of The Greater Dallas Asian Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin is a banking industry veteran, having started his career 27 years ago. Over the last decade, in the role of Vice President of Business Banking at Wells Fargo, he has assisted growing businesses by acting as a banking liaison and advisor on various and complex financial matters. He regards as one of his greatest accomplishments helping an Asian business owner grow their revenue from \$200K to \$70MM.



Bhoonsri Thammasatit, Ph.D.

Chairwoman

“Chao Praya” Thai Orchestra music group

Dr. Bhoonsri Thammasatit, a Retired Physician, 83 years old. Her commitment to the Thai Community and Buddhist Center of Dallas, not

only supporting financially and physically but also assisting people who face difficult time.

She is the Chair of “Chao Praya” Thai Orchestra music group, has performed many functions and also volunteer works at the Thai Street vendor named “Imboon”.



David Moon, Ph.D.

CEO

The Sam Moon Group

Mr. David D. Moon - DOB September 14th 1940. Graduated from the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. Attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort

Worth, Texas. 2006 to 2011- Board of Trustee, Dallas Baptist University. October 2002 – Lifetime Achievement

Award from Dallas Asian -American Chamber of Commerce. December 2002 – Citizen's Medal of Merit (Dong Baik Award) from the Government of Republic of Korea. May 2007 – Honorary Doctor of Humanities at Dallas Baptist University. July 2008 – International Management Leadership Award by Government of Republic of Korea. March 2009 – BH Carroll Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. June 2015 – Honorary Doctor of Business Administration from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Since being established in May 1984 as Sam Moon Trading, Inc., has grown into 9 retail branches across Texas, which includes Sam Moon Trading, Inc, Coyote Ridge Country Club, Renaissance Marriot Hotel, and Legacy Plano.



Sharmila Polavarapu

President/Co-Founder

Numbers Only, Inc.

Sharmila Polavarapu serves President, Chief Operating Officer and Co- Founder of Numbers Only, Inc., She has over 20 years of progressively responsible experience directing as many as 200 employees in a company with revenue of \$16 million. Sharmila has led the company through start-up, survival, turnaround and growth modes. Over the last two decades, she held various executive and management positions and helped lead the team through 20 years of organic growth. Sharmila received her Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS) degree (Dentistry) in 1994. She currently lives in Colleyville, TX with her husband and three children.



Don McKneely

CEO/Chairman

MBN USA and WE USA magazines

Don McKneely, a 47-year veteran of newspaper, magazine, radio, and pay television. He is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of TexCorp Communications, Inc., including its Business News Group publications, MBN USA and WE USA magazines. He founded Minority Business News in May 1988 and its sister publication Women's Enterprise and is the founding chairman of the Billion Dollar Roundtable, an organization that recognizes companies annually purchasing in excess of \$1 billion with diverse-owned businesses.



Jollyn Mwisongo

President/CEO

ACARI Management Group, Inc.

Jollyn Mwisongo is the President & CEO of ACARI Management Group, Inc., which is based in Arlington, Texas. She has over 15 years of experience working in the Program Management | Construction Management, and Diversity Program industries. Ms. Mwisongo has planned, implemented, coordinated, and directed M/WBE programs ranging from small construction projects, to billion dollar projects throughout the DFW Metroplex.

Ms. Mwisongo earned her B.A. in Law and MBA in Finance from Bangalore University. She also completed an ACCA certificate in Contracts Compliance. Jollyn has been the recipient of the Luna Rising Star Firm Award from the Regional Hispanic Contractors' Association (2012), the Quest for Success Award from the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce (2013), the Emerging Leaders Award for the U.S. Small Business Administration (2013), the Diversity Champion of the Year Award from the Regional Black Contractors' Association (2017), and most recently the Luna Established Service Firm of the Year Award from the Regional Hispanic Contractors' Association (2017).

Ms. Mwisongo and her husband, Charles Bell, live in Arlington with their two daughters. Jollyn enjoys volunteering in her community and playing tennis with her husband in her spare time.



Maisam Ilewi

Project Manager, Office of Diversity and Inclusion

JPS Health Network

Maisam Ilewi is the diversity and inclusion project manager at JPS Health Network, where she leads the supplier diversity initiatives. She currently serves as a corporate board advisor for the USPAACC-SW on behalf of JPS Health Network. Ilewi holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in communications as well as a master's degree in health care administration from The University of Texas at Arlington. As an undergraduate, Ilewi serves as the vice president for UNICEF at UTA, where she helped develop the first UTA-UNICEF tap water project that provided safe drinking water for children in need. Ilewi's passion for Healthcare and the community flourished as she served as the executive community service chair for AMPD

(American Muslim Professionals of Dallas.), and the UT Arlington HCAD Alumni President.



Robert Liang

Founder/Owner

West One Products, LLC

Robert Liang, founder and owner of West One Products is an award-winning manufacturer. Liang, with his mechanical engineering degree, began his career in Taiwan manufacturing juvenile furniture for the world market. His fine attention to detail and beautiful lacquered finish laminated wood stock provided exciting designs, quality furniture and on-time delivery. "I was so proud and honored to be the winner of 2015 Top Ten Asian American Business Award. This remarkable recognition has helped West One Products to become a Walmart Store Inc. supplier since 2016." said Robert Liang.