

# CSM Board of Trustees Appoints Jay Webster as Board Chair; Shawn Coates as Vice Chair and Welcomes New Members

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*Jay W. Webster - Shawn Coates*

The College of Southern Maryland Board (CSM) of Trustees at its June 18 meeting appointed Jay W. Webster of Calvert County as the board's chair, and Shawn Coates of Charles County as vice chair, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Webster was appointed to the board in 2016 and served as vice chair since July 1, 2019. He is vice president and part owner of Marrick Properties, Inc., providing oversight to senior management, and developing and implementing creative strategic development for the homebuilders since 1984. Previously he was affiliated with Century 21 as Jay Webster & Associates Real Estate Sales in Upper Marlboro.

Webster has achieved notable recognition, including being named Realtor of the Year in Prince George's County and 40 Under 40 by the Washington Business Journal. He has served as president of the Rotary Club of Upper Marlboro, president of the Rotary Club of Southern Prince George's County, president of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors, chair of the Arbitration Committee for the Prince George's Association of Realtors, and as regional vice president and as a member of the executive committee for the Maryland Association of Realtors. Webster has achieved Golden "R" and Life Member RPAC with the National Association of Realtors.

Webster's community involvement has included serving on the Calvert County Hospice board of directors, including as president and he chaired the steering committee for the Burnett Calvert Hospice House which began accepting patients in 2010. Known as the "house that love built," it is a six-bed residential home in Prince Frederick designed for Calvert County residents in hospice care who require more skilled care than those at home can provide.

"My wife Margie and I, as well as Marrick Properties, Inc., have been avid supporters of the College of Southern Maryland for over two decades," Webster shared. "We understand the importance of having a vibrant, award-winning college right here in Southern Maryland. I am looking forward to serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees. It is an honor and a privilege."

Additionally, Webster has served as a committee chair with Cub Scouts Pack 789 and in 2006 earned the title of King for the United Way of Calvert County's annual Mardis Gras. A graduate of Suitland High School, Webster pursued higher education at the University of Maryland, College Park.

A senior leader in the United States government with more than 20 years of experience, Coates has served in leadership and management roles at numerous government agencies. Coates was appointed to serve as a trustee from July 1, 2018 through 2023. He said he "proudly follows in his grandmother's footsteps," as CSM Trustee Emerita Veronica Coates played a significant role in helping to guide this college when serving as a trustee from 1976 to 1993, including her five years as vice chair and two years as chair.

Coates, of White Plains, serves as the scholarship chair for Morgan State University Southern Maryland Alumni Chapter; is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and participates with the Black Executive Exchange Program.

A frequent speaker on topics of diversity, hiring, development and retention, Coates has presented at the Blacks in Government Conference and served as a panelist for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship Conference.

He is involved with Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, National Society of Black Engineers, Golden Key International Honor Society, National Black MBA Association, Blacks in Government Association and African American Federal Executive Association.

"It is a sincere honor to be selected to serve as Vice Chair of the CSM Board of Trustees," Coates shared. "The students, faculty, and staff of this world class institution are amazing leaders in our community and they each play a vital role in the continued advancement of our local community, our state, and our nation. Given the unprecedented challenges that our students are facing, CSM continues to provide life changing opportunities for our students."

Coates is an alumnus of McDonough High School in Pomfret. He received master's degrees in business administration and Information Science from North Carolina Central University, and a bachelor's degree in Information Sciences and Systems from Morgan State University. Additionally, he is a graduate and senior fellow in the Excellence in Government Fellows Program, Partnership for Public Service and he received an executive certificate with a concentration in public leadership from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Completing distinguished service as trustees are Theodore Harwood of St. Mary's County and Lois E. DiNatale of Charles County.

Harwood served as trustee since 2010, completing three terms as chair and two terms as vice chair. During his tenure on the board, Harwood served as Maryland Association of Community College liaison and on the Board Affairs Committee and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

DiNatale has served the CSM Board of Trustees for more than 10 years: 2009 – 2020. During her dedicated service to the college, she served on the Audit Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Human Resource and Benefits Committee; the Nominating Committee and the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee.

"Ted Harwood and Lois DiNatale exemplify excellence in board governance," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "Their commitment to CSM's mission and students has set the standard for a high-performing board. It's been my honor and pleasure to serve with them, and though they will always be a part of the college, I will miss seeing them regularly."

Newly appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to serve CSM as trustees are Kenneth Abel of St. Mary's County, Christy Lombardi of Calvert County, and Jose Gonzalez and Cordelia Postell of Charles County.

CSM's trustees also include, Samuel C. Jones of Calvert County and Dr. John W. Roache and Sonja Cox of St. Mary's County. Serving as secretary/treasurer to the board is CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy and as Senior Executive Associate to the board is Larisa Pfeiffer. For information about the college's leadership,

visit <https://www.csmd.edu/about/leadership/>.

CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually.

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