

## Candidate Bios for Greer Middle College Board of Directors Election May 1, 2017

**\*\*Mark Allen** - I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the GMC board, and I believe my experience and background will be an asset for the school. For the past 8 years I have served as a financial advisor for Edward Jones building and running a successful business. Some of my clients send their children to GMC, and I have seen the positive impact it has on their lives. Before Edward Jones, I worked in the news media for 11 years, most notably as a news anchor and reporter for WYFF-4 in Greenville. I still have several contacts in the local media and hope to get GMC some positive news coverage. Personally, I have been married to my beautiful wife Cindy for 19 years. Cindy is a teacher and has shown me first-hand the power a good education can have on the life of a child. We live in Taylors with our 4 children and attend Fellowship Greenville church on Highway 14 in Simpsonville. If elected to the GMC board, I will use my life skills and experiences to help the school continue to grow and to provide the students a great education.

**\*\*Concerning Patty Baucom:**

Family: husband Don (22+ years); four children: Jennifer, Stephen, Sudie and Charlotte. Our oldest daughter is a home school graduate and currently attends Clemson University. Our second child is finishing up his senior year, while our middle daughter is enjoying her freshman year at Greer Middle College Charter High School and our youngest daughter continues to school at home.

Home: Travelers Rest home for the last 10 years. Our family is active within our church, where I continue to teach Children's Church twice a month and serve in a leadership position within the ministry of American Heritage Girls Troop SC0516.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors at GMC and am a member of the Teacher Appreciation Committee. I continue to be encouraged by the educational opportunities and academic excellence offered by the administration and staff of Greer Middle College Charter High School. In seeking reelection, I hope to continue to work with my fellow board members to fulfill the mission adopted by this educational organization and preserve these opportunities for future generations.

**\*\*My name is Mark Mathis** and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors at Greer Middle College Charter High School (GMC). I am an anesthesiologist with the Greenville Hospital System and have practiced here since finishing my residency at Vanderbilt University Medical School in 1991. My wife Julie and I have been married for almost 20 years and have two children. They both attend GMC where Dylan is a freshman and Madelyn is a sophomore. Julie and I share in their enthusiasm for their school.

We feel that GMC is unique in being a relatively small school with a cohesive student body and dedicated teachers. Our school has great kids who have serious commitments to academics, community, and friends. This shows in the success of our graduates who have high standardized test scores and gain admission to top notch universities. Ultimately, GMC is helping to create well adjusted adults who will become assets to their communities. My goal is to help build upon this platform and ensure that the school continues in this same direction.

**\*\*Fourth Candidate - Withdrawn**