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## *Appointees Will Serve Two Consecutive Four-Year Terms*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees recently elected new members to serve two consecutive four-year terms. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall policies of the University. Jennifer Marion Mills, of Charlotte, N.C., currently serves as chair of the board.

The new members are:

- Verhonda Crawford, of Chesnee, S.C., graduated from GWU in 2012 and received her Master of Business Administration in 2017 from Gardner-Webb. She is a member of the city council in Chesnee and is the youngest government official in South Carolina. She is the owner of VPR Marketing Firm, a public relations consulting firm that specializes in promoting personal platforms and social media needs. She also co-owns the Verhonica Ryan Clothing Boutique in Chesnee. She was named to the GWU Gallery of Distinguished Alumni. As a student at Gardner-Webb, she was a cheerleader and was chosen as runner up in the Miss GWU pageant. She works with an economic development group and volunteers with a non-profit to promote mentorship.
- Chris Gash, of Kings Mountain, N.C., graduated from GWU in 2007 and earned his Master of Divinity from GWU in 2016. He played basketball at GWU and is in the GWU Athletics Hall of Fame. He serves as pastor of New Zion Baptist Church and works as community coordinator for Cleveland County Schools. He is married to Sharece and they have two children. He



Verhonda Crawford



Chris Gash

operates Christover Athletics, is a member of the Cleveland County Schools Diversity Committee and the GWU Alumni Board. He serves as team chaplain for GWU men's basketball.

- Kitty Hoyle, of Lawndale, N.C., graduated from GWU in 2015 and is president of her family's concrete business in Boiling Springs. She helped establish the Margie McCluney Hamrick Nursing Scholarship Fund and Wellington Hamrick Scholarship Fund.
- Archie Wood, of Yadkinville, N.C., graduated from GWU in 1993. He is manager of Transport Operations for Speedway, LLC, a subsidiary of Marathon Petroleum. He is married to Monica and has three children who all attended East Carolina University. He is a member of the National Private Truck Council's National Advisory Board and Safety Committee.
- Jesse Sprinkle, of Boiling Springs, S.C., graduated from Wofford University in 1993, where he was a member of the football team. He earned his master's degree in Christian ministries from Liberty University. He is the vice president and chief executive officer of Renfrow Industrial in Spartanburg, S.C. He is also the chief financial officer and co-owner of OpSource Staffing. He serves as associate pastor and chief financial officer of Crossroads Baptist Church. His great-grandfather, grandfather, father, mother, brother and uncle attended GWU. His son and daughter are currently attending GWU. He is married to Aimee, and they have seven children. He is a lifetime member of the Bulldog Club, and helped create the Great Commission Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in support of the GWU mission endowment fund.



Archie Wood



Kitty Hoyle

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Jesse Sprinkle