

# THE WESTMORELAND MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART

## Potential Nominations for Trustees

**Nancy Washington:** Educator and academic administrator Nancy Washington, was born on March 5, 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Courtney Duckrey and Tanner Duckrey. She received her B.S. degree in education from Boston University in 1960, and her M.Ed. degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1963. She went on to receive her M.S. degree from Temple University in 1967, and her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973.

Washington began her twenty seven year career with the University of Pittsburgh in 1972 when she was hired as an assistant professor of psychology at the Greensburg campus, while also finishing her Ph.D. After graduating, she became a senate officer for the university, representing the Greensburg campus. She served on various committees around women's issues, and issues of affirmative action, campus safety, campus diversity, and budget policy. In 1979, she became an associate professor of psychology. Throughout the 1980s, Washington worked with the student affairs committee on issues of South Africa and developed minority enrollment and retention programs. In 1989, Washington was appointed to assistant professor of clinical epidemiology and family medicine and assistant dean of minority affairs at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. In February 1993, Chancellor J. Dennis O'Connor appointed Washington as assistant to the chancellor, where she focused on minority affairs at affiliated schools and helped the Black Action Society start a black cultural center on campus. In 1994, she helped establish the Center for Minority Health, with funding from the R.K. Mellon Foundation. Washington retired from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999.

During her career, Washington also served on various boards, including Pennsylvania's Council on the Arts, The Carnegie Museum of Art, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and the Pittsburgh Foundation, where the Nancy and Milt Washington Fund was established in 1994. Washington has two daughters, Linda Armstrong and Lara Washington, as well as three grandchildren: Zoe, Kendall, and Tanner.

**Dr. Rahul Naidu, MD** is an Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose & Throat) Specialist in Greensburg, PA and has over 34 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Naidu has more experience with Upper Respiratory Conditions, Sleep-disordered Breathing, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgery than other specialists in his area. He graduated from Columbia U, College of Phys/Surg medical school in 1986. He is affiliated with medical facilities Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital and Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital. He is married to Elizabeth Naidu and has two children, Christopher and Julie.

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**William E. Strickland** (born August 25, 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) is a community leader, author, and the President and CEO of the non-profit Manchester Bidwell Corporation based in Pittsburgh. The company's subsidiaries, the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, work with disadvantaged and at-risk youth through involvement with the arts and provides job training for adults, respectively. Strickland is a winner of a MacArthur "Genius" Award and the 2011 Goi Peace Award.

Strickland grew up in the Manchester neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Oliver High School. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh, where as an undergraduate he founded the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild as an after-school program to teach children pottery skill in his old neighborhood. He graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in American history and foreign relations in 1970. Following graduation he continued to build the Manchester Guild into an innovative nonprofit agency that uses the arts to inspire and mentor inner-city teenagers. In 1972 he took over the Bidwell Training Center that trains displaced adults for jobs.

He has served on the boards of the National Endowment for the Arts, Mellon Financial Corporation, and the University of Pittsburgh. For his work, Strickland has won various awards including a MacArthur Fellowship "genius" award in 1996. He has been honored by the White House, and received the Goi Peace Award in 2011.

In June 2018, Strickland announced that he would be stepping down from his role as president and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corp., but that he will remain on as executive chairman. He had served as the leader of the organization for 50 years.

**Dena LaMar** is the Regional Vice President for the Great Lakes Regions at Advance Auto Parts Inc., the largest automotive aftermarket parts provider in North America, for professional and do-it-yourself customers. Previously, Dena had been the Vice President of Operations for GetGo Cafe & Market, a division of Giant Eagle Corporation, and Regional General Manager for Pennsylvania for Walmart Corporation.

A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and University of Northern Virginia, Dena also serves on Boards of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and the Robert Morris University President Circle.

Martin LaMar is a Regional Vice President for McCormack Baron Salazar, with oversight of a billion dollar real estate portfolio. Prior to this role, he served as President and CEO of Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, Senior Vice President of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and multiple Director-level position within the Atlanta Housing Authority.