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Alumni Advisory Board

In 2016 the School formed an SPGS Alumni Advisory Board. The board, which is made up of the Director, Associate Director and alumni, meet to discuss servicing undergraduates, building alumni engagement, and strategic planning for the School's enrollment and academic offering. The current board members are listed below. If you have interest in learning more about the SPGS Alumni Advisory Board, please fill out our contact form.

Board members



Whitney Chapa

Whitney Chapa currently serves as the Executive Director of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, the statewide charter school authorizer that is charged with overseeing the academic, financial and operational performance of the 536 charter schools in its portfolio. Whitney previously served as the State Policy Director for K-12 Funding for the Foundation for Excellence in Education, and served as the K-12 budget analyst for Arizona Governor Janice K Brewer.



Scott D. Gore

Scott D. Gore serves as a Congressional Liaison in the FAA's Office of Government and Industry Affairs. In this capacity, he serves as primary liaison to Members of Congress and congressional staff for the FAA's Aviation Safety organization, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office.



Sarah Heeter

Sarah Heeter considers herself a professional feminist and a life-long Sun Devil. She has spent the last four years working for Girl Scouts - Arizona Cactus Pine Council and holds a Master of Public Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Conflict Resolution, all from ASU.



Vada O. Manager

Vada O. Manager is CEO of the Manager Global Consulting Group and a Senior Counselor of APCO Worldwide -- both are global strategic business consultancies with offices in Washington, DC; Phoenix, Arizona and Portland, Oregon. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Manager served on Nike Inc.'s Global Leadership Team including work with M&A transactions.



Danny J. Mazza

Danny J. Mazza, Attorney at Law with Mazza Law Center, PLC, graduated from Arizona Summit Law School, where he excelled in Gift & Estate Taxation and served as Vice President of the Student Bar Association. During law school, he was honored to serve as one of only two legal interns to Governor Jan Brewer. Additionally, Danny obtained a Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration from Georgia State University College of Law while studying overseas.



Akshai J. Patel

Akshai J. Patel is Co-Founder and CEO of Phoenix Collegiate Academy charter schools, a K-12 network in South Phoenix. He attended Barrett, the Honors College ASU, where he was a competitive Debator, Fencer, and President of the Barrett College Council, the honors college's student government. Patel is also the lead founder and a Board Member of DeansList Software, an education technology company that helps high-performing schools across the country use data to improve results.



Matthew Stevenson

Matthew Stevenson is a Partner and the co-leader of Mercer's Workforce Analytics and Planning practice in North America He is based in Washington, DC and has worked at Mercer since 2000. His work involves using data science to help Mercer

clients define their human capital strategy and fine tune the implementation and planning of that strategy in order to support business objectives.

