

Board of Directors

The Loomis Communities is a nonprofit organization that draws its volunteer Directors from communities within the Pioneer Valley, including Amherst, Holyoke, South Hadley and the Springfield area. Our directors bring to Loomis a wide range of professional, financial and human services skills. They are committed to furthering our mission of providing high-quality services and health care to older adults.



Paul Lambert, Chair

Vice President, Enshrinement Services & Community, Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; Former Director, Event Production, National Basketball Association; Former President, New England Public Radio Foundation, Inc. Board Member, Cape Cod Center



Debra Buckley, Vice Chair

Deborah Buckley is a returning Board member. She previously served on The Loomis Communities Board from 1998 to 2006. She serves on the Board of the Center Redevelopment



Jessica Bodon

Treasury Analyst for Baystate Health, previously Banking Center Manager for PeoplesBank. She received her MBA from Western New England University. Volunteers for Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass and serves as treasurer. Former board member.



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Leslie Hennessey

Executive Director of the South Hadley Senior Center. She is a member of the South Hadley Age & Dementia Friendly Community Committee, the DEI Steering Committee for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and serves as a Regional Representative for the Massachusetts Council on Aging. Previously, Leslie worked for the Holyoke VNA & Hospice Life Care program and she was the Assistant Director at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts. She earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



Erik Kjeldsen

Erik Kjeldsen is a retired Professor of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree from Springfield College, and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts. Erik is a resident of Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield, MA.



Winston Lavallee

Retired Professor Emeritus of Biology & Environmental Science, Holyoke Community College; Former Vice President of Academic Affairs, Holyoke Community College; Acting President, Holyoke Community College; Natural History Narrator aboard The Quinnetucket II ship; Captain, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, Viet Nam era Veteran; Distinguished Service Award & "HCC Project Director, HCC Natural Refuge; South Hadley Conservation Commission member; Published Author; South Hadley Town Meeting Member; Member, South Hadley Redevelopment Authority; Trustee, Gaylord Memorial Library; Co-Director, Loomis Village Writers Group; University of Massachusetts (PhD Entomology); Resident of Loomis Village.

for the Arts; Board Member, South Hadley Choral; Springfield Rotary Member; Graduate of Boston College. (A.B. English / Theater Arts).



Kathy Bowler

Director of Member Services, Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging; Past President and Member of the Board of Directors, Holyoke Health Center; Past President and former Board Member MCOA; Past President and former Board Member, Western MA Association of Councils on Aging; Allocations Committee, United Way of Pioneer Valley. Past recipient of The Loomis Communities Elvira Whiting Ball Award; Citizen of the Year, United Veterans; Career Woman of the Year, Quota Club; Local Hero,

Corporation (The Village Commons) and the Holyoke Taxpayers Association. She is a member of the Holyoke Rotary Club and a past Board member of Holyoke Medical Center/Valley Health System, Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association, Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Pioneer Valley, Pioneer Valley Red Cross, and the Granby School Committee. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Education from Mt. Holyoke College. Deb resides in Easthampton, MA.



Paul Breen

Executive Director of Facilities Management and Planning, Mount Holyoke College; Former Project Manager, The Connecticut Water Company; Field Engineer, Daniel O'Connell Sons; Lt. Colonel as Commander of Civil Engineering Squadron, Massachusetts Air National Guard (Ret.); Graduate of Merrimack College (B.S. Civil Engineering) and Western New England College (M.B.A.)

the South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce. Jessica was born and raised in South Hadley and currently resides in Belchertown.



Seunghee Cha

Partner, Buckley, Richardson and Gelineas, LLP; Former Private Practice Attorney; Board Member: Center for Human Development and the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County, Former Board Member: The United Arc, Inc. and NAMI Western Mass; Graduate of Western New England University School of Law (LL.M.); Fordham University School of Law (J.D.); University of California, San Diego (B.A. in Women's Studies in Literature).



Sara Lawrence

Sara Lawrence is the Former Executive Director of the South Hadley Granby Chamber of Commerce. She is the former Development & Planned Giving Officer at NEPR. She has over 35 years experience working as a Philanthropy professional. She is a graduate of University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (BA History).



Deborah Snow

Owner, Blue Heron Restaurant and Catering; Teacher of Culinary Arts, Windham Regional Career Center; Member; Women's Presidents Organization; Development Committee, Food Bank of Western Mass.; Advisory Board, Culinary Program, Franklin County Technical School and Holyoke Community College; Featured in BON APPETIT Magazine, of the top 108 Restaurants in the country and Best Dish ever tasted; Best Chef of Western Mass, Mass Restaurant Association; Former Official Photographer, United Nations Assembly on Aging; Ohio State University/Cambridge College, (BFA/Masters in Management).

Max Winters

Senior Associate for Perkins Eastman Architects. In his role at Perkins Eastman, Max is involved in strategy, planning, and design for senior living communities. Max was recognized as a "Future Leader" in 2022 by Aging Media Network. Max's time at Perkins Eastman has been further focused on elevating thought leadership within the senior living practice area, appearing as a co-author of the Clean Slate Project and Missing Main Street white papers, and co-host of the Shaping Dementia Environments podcast. Max resides in Pittsburgh.

CISA; Hometown Hero, Reminder Publications; Anna V. Brown Award (Director of the Year), MCOA; Service Award, Holyoke Health Center. Graduate of College of the Holy Cross (BA, Certificate in Gerontology)



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Patricia Crutchfield

Served as human resources director for a number of organizations, including the University of Massachusetts. She has also developed and facilitated educational and training programs for organizational and individual development. Patricia was a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education and several local boards; she now serves on the Board of the Kestrel Land Trust, and is a member of the Distribution Committee of the Western Massachusetts Community Foundation. She is a happily retired soul, and creates photography exhibits that support non-profit organizations and social justice activism.



Fletcher Davis

Retired Episcopal priest; Past National Officer, The Episcopal Church in the USA; CEO, Immigrant and Refugee Community Center, California; CEO, California Refugee Council; Chair, Governor's Advisory Council on Human Migration, California; Chaplain, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco; Missionary, Botswana; Parish Rector in California and Washington; Headmaster in California; Founder and President, Friends of South Whidbey State Park, Washington; Medal of Merit from Archbishop of Canterbury. Graduate of Harvard College (AB); Church Divinity School of the Pacific (M. Div).



Jeffrey P. Hayden

Jeff is the Vice President of Business and Community Services, Holyoke Community College; formerly the Director of Planning and Development, City of Holyoke; Board Member, Career Point; Board Member, Valley Health Systems; Board Member, Springfield Works; Graduate of Assumption College (B.A. &€" History).

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