



## Veggie U Board of Directors

**Jennifer Andress** is a Senior Consultant at BrownFlynn, where she dedicates her time to helping clients determine and communicate their sustainability performance, and develop and implement employee engagement strategies. Jennifer is Co-Founder/Co-Director of an inner city mentorship and tutoring program for women, coaching them in the areas of wellness, career pathing, and living sustainably. She earned her B.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of Toledo, and loves outdoor adventures, gardening, and spending time with her family.

**Antoinette (Toni) Bacon** is nationally recognized as one of the country's premier litigators for having successfully prosecuted nearly 100 targets and having led one of the largest corruption cases in this country's history. Dubbed the Cuyahoga County Corruption Case, this 9-year investigation involved the prosecution of 60+ public officials and business executives, including a County Commissioner, a County Auditor, a Cleveland City Council member, two sitting judges, nine attorneys (five former prosecutors), two union leaders, and two senior hospital executives. Toni earned a law degree from the University of Virginia and a B.A. in Communications, Law, Economics, and Government from American University. She joined the Department of Justice through the Honors Program, as a Trial Attorney in the Antitrust Division, where she investigated billion-dollar, international price fixing cartels. Prior to joining the Antitrust Division, Toni clerked for the Honorable Henry Coke Morgan, Jr., United States District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia. Toni lives in Cleveland, Ohio with her husband, Jim. They are avid cyclists and travelers, recently completing a cycling trip across Sri Lanka.

**Todd Bennice** is Vice President - Risk Management for Hylant, a position he's held since 1999. As Vice President and Global Team Leader, Todd is in charge of production and client service for a wide range of domestic and global property & casualty clients. Todd has held leadership positions with a wide range of leading Ohio companies including American International Group and CNA Insurance.

**Garis (Gary) Distelhorst, CAE**, Executive Director (retired) of the Lorain County Community College Foundation, the independent support organization for Lorain County Community College (LCCC), and is responsible for leading the day-to-day operations, and for administering and directing advancement and foundation activities in support of LCCC. Prior to joining the Foundation staff, Distelhorst served over 20 years as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. He also served as the CEO of the National Association of College Stores and subsidiaries from 1980 to 1998. Garis served 4 years in the United State Navy, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Common Ground and the Ohio State University Alumni Association Cleveland Chapter. He resides in Avon Lake with his wife, Helen. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**John Huff** is the CEO of Good Greens brand of products. Good Greens is a line of wellness bars that provide the nutritional equivalent of 100% of the daily recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. John earned a Masters of Business Administration from the John Carroll University and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is an active member of the Ohio Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. John also served in the Marine Corps Reserves in the 4th Landing Service Battalion.

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**Tom Kennedy** joined the firm in 2007 as a Senior Portfolio Manager. Tom took on the role as co-portfolio manager for the High Dividend Equity strategy in 2016. He also manages customized portfolios for family wealth clients, corporations and not-for-profit organizations. He is a member of both the Ancora Inverness Investment Committee and the Model Portfolio Investment Committee. Mr. Kennedy began his career in 1996 at an estate planning firm and has vast investment experience focusing on strategic portfolio management and sophisticated wealth planning. Tom earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Finance and a Master of Business Administration in Finance degree from John Carroll University. Tom is a FINRA licensed registered representative. He is a level II CFA candidate. Tom is a member of CFA Institute & CFA Society of Cleveland. He is a Member of the Board of Directors of Veggie U, Circuit Technologies and Decision Data Software. Tom guest lectures at John Carroll University teaching analytical modeling.

**Scott Kuhn** is a Restaurateur and owner of The Driftwood Group. Scott attended the University of Akron's culinary program while working in local restaurants and finished his degree in management from Malone College. The Driftwood Restaurant Group was born with the purchase of the Allegheny Grille in the small town of Foxburg, Pennsylvania in 2005. In 2007, Scott reestablished the Welshfield Inn in Burton, Ohio and opened 87 West, located within Crocker Park in Westlake, Ohio. In 2010, Scott opened Washington Place Bistro and Inn, located in Little Italy in the space where the once famous Baricelli Inn existed. Most recently Scott has launched Hodge's, Cibreo Italian Kitchen, and Rothschild Farms with Chef Chris Hodge in Cleveland's downtown.

**Terri Wade Lyles** is the Manager of District Science Education for K-8 in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. She has served in this position for the past 6 years. Prior to that, Ms. Lyles was an Elementary School teacher within CMSD. Terri received her Doctorate in Education – Administration Leadership for Teaching and Learning from Walden University. Her Dissertation Title: integration of a Place-Based Teaching Approach into Science Education. She holds a Master's Degree in Education Curriculum and instruction and a Bachelor's Degree In Elementary Education – both from Cleveland State University. Terri is a member of the National Science Teachers Association; the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers; the national Middle School Association; and the Science Education Council of Ohio. She is an author -- Eighth Grade Science Section, Cashing In On Success! Cleveland Municipal School District – and a presenter.

**Michael Lyons** has always loved food and wine, but only recently has he begun cooking professionally. Previously Michael worked as a Big Six technology consultant, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, software implementation and project management. Already possessing an undergraduate degree from Duke University and Masters degrees in Accounting and Finance from Bentley College, Michael graduated valedictorian of his class and earned the prestigious Chaines des Rotisseurs honor at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute, Cordon Bleu program. After several prestigious positions in the Cleveland restaurant scene, he now runs his own catering company, Accessible Gourmet.

**Patti Schaar** is a Consultant for her own company, Patti Schaar Consulting. Prior to striking out on her own, Patti finished a long and highly acclaimed career with McKinsey & Company by serving as the chief operating officer for the "Capability for Performance Practice," with high priority and visibility as one of the few truly global undertakings of the firm. Patti has also worked for such high profile companies as GE, NAC International, and Owens Corning.

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