



Jim Geraghty

Jim is a Managing Director, Private Wealth Advisor at Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management, and is recognized as one of the top financial advisors in the country by both Forbes and Barron's.

Jim is the Board Chair for Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, and a longtime Board Member and current Advisory Committee Member for the United Teen Equality Center (UTEC). He is a Philanthropic Trustee of the Boston Medical Center, an active supporter of the American Ireland Fund, and is Finance Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, and is the Founder and current Board Member of the Massachusetts Children's Hockey Foundation.

Jim's dedication to giving back is evident by personally mentoring numerous youth over the years. He continually hosts enrichment excursions for at-risk youth and coaches various sports teams within his own community as well as with inner-city youth organizations.

Jim is featured in the 2019 book; Boston Game Changers by Bill Brett, which celebrates inspirational stories of the Bostonians who are doing great things and changing the city for better.

Jim is a board member of PAL; The Boston Police Athletic League, and a board member of The Westford Food Pantry, and is Co-Founder of THRIVE Health & Wellness Inc., which focuses on health and healing naturally through diet and lifestyle interventions.

In 2017 Jim was a national finalist for the Invest in Others Charitable Foundations' Community Service Award as part of the eleventh annual Invest in Others Award in NYC.

In 2015, FBI Director James Comey presented Jim with the Director's Community Service Leadership Award which is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding contributions to their local communities through service.

In 2014, Jim was one of 12 Boston business leaders honored by Get Konnected!, the premiere networking event for urban professionals with the theme being "Diversity Game Changer: White Men Who Can Jump" given to white, male business leaders who are diversity game changers. That same year he was awarded the Gordon B. Seavey Distinguished Citizen Award for his years of service to Westford Public Schools.

In 2018 Jim ran the Boston Marathon and competed in his first Half-Ironman Triathlon in Augusta, GA, and in August of 2020 will compete in his first Full-Ironman Triathlon; Ironman Mont-Tremblant in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec.

Jim received a BA from Brown University and was a member of the hockey team.



Marty Meehan

Marty Meehan is the first undergraduate alumnus to lead the five-campus University of Massachusetts system. On July 1, 2015, he became the university's 27th president after serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and as chancellor of UMass Lowell.

Marty has an abiding belief in public higher education's power to transform lives. At his presidential inauguration, Marty pledged to fight for UMass, which he called "the most important institution in Massachusetts in the critical areas of social mobility and economic growth."

Born in Lowell, Marty was one of seven children in a family where the importance of education was stressed. After attending Lowell public schools, Marty, a first-generation college student, graduated cum laude from UMass Lowell in 1978 with a degree in education and political science. He also earned a master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University in 1981 and a juris doctor from Suffolk University Law School in 1986.

Marty embraced a career in public service early in his life. He served as the deputy secretary of state for securities and corporations from 1986 to 1990. In 1991, he became first assistant district attorney for Middlesex County. Seeing an opportunity to expand his public service commitment and to serve his nation, Marty ran for U.S. Congress and was elected to represent the 5th Congressional District of Massachusetts in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. He served on the House Armed Services and Judiciary committees and established a national reputation for his legislative leadership, winning praise for his efforts to protect the public from the health risks of tobacco. Marty was a central figure in campaign finance reform and a major sponsor of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, known as the McCain-Feingold Bill in the Senate and the Shays-Marty Bill in the House.

After serving 14 years in Congress, Marty was appointed chancellor of UMass Lowell in 2007. He made quality, diversity, access and affordability keystones of his vision to raise his alma mater's reputation and impact. During his eight-year tenure, UMass Lowell's enrollment grew by nearly 50 percent and the university climbed into the top tier of U.S. News & World Report's best national universities rankings by improving its performance in every sphere of activity, including student success, fundraising and auxiliary revenue generation.

Marty holds honorary degrees from Suffolk University, Green Mountain College, Shenkar College of Engineering & Design, the American College of Greece, Merrimack College, Queens University Belfast and University College Cork. He has also been named to the Boston Business Journal's Power 50, a list of the most influential leaders in Greater Boston, for four consecutive years.



Justin Pasquariello

Since 2017, J. Justin Pasquariello has been Executive Director of East Boston Social Centers. The Social Centers is a 102 year old multi service organization that impacts nearly 600 diverse individuals of all ages daily with high-quality early learning centers, out-of-school time programs, middle school and teen programs, family engagement and parent partnership, older adult programs, ESL classes, and convening for a variety of community needs. The Social Centers' intended impact is to be a catalyst for a tightknit, thriving and joyful community. The team is developing a model to ensure all East Boston and East Boston Social Centers children enter Kindergarten ready to learn, joyful, and thriving. Pasquariello was a 2016 Nantucket Project Fellow, focused on his vision of significantly, measurably increasing joy in East Boston.

Previously, Justin was Executive Director of Children's HealthWatch, a research and policy organization that improves the health and development of young children by informing policies to address and alleviate economic hardships. While Pasquariello was there, the Children's HealthWatch team led a coalition that worked with the state to secure a 50% increase in the Massachusetts Earned Income Tax Credit; was nationally recognized for work that protected Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and collaborated on work that led to the first ever state appropriation for the Arkansas Housing Trust Fund. Justin remains engaged as a Friend of the organization.

Justin serves on the board of Silver Lining Mentoring, an organization he founded that empowers foster youth to flourish through committed mentoring relationships and the development of life skills. Silver Lining Mentoring has been nationally recognized as a pre-eminent organization providing mentoring specifically for foster youth and recently was funded to launch an institute to support national replication of best practices.

Justin and his wife, Vanessa, have been mentors through SLM since 2002. His personal experience living with his birth mother, friends and family, and in foster care before being adopted into an open adoption at age 9, informed the founding of the organization and other work he has done in child welfare, including serving as a Rappaport Fellow in legislative affairs with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, and very slowly (for 20 years and counting) working on a book about his experiences.

Justin serves on the board of MADCA, the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care providers, and is an Advisory Board member for Neighborhood Villages. Justin also is involved with the Massachusetts Affordable Child Care Campaign—dedicated to ensuring all children have access to high quality affordable early education taught by teachers paid a wage that recognizes the importance of their work. He previously served on the Advisory Board of the Taubman Center for State and Local Government.

Justin was recently selected as a Re-Envisioning Foster Care in America Champion. He was a 2015 Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Ten Outstanding Young Leader awardee, a Bank of America Local Hero, a Boston Celtics Hero Among Us, and an Echoing Green Fellow. He received his BA from Harvard College, and his MBA and MPA degrees from a concurrent program at Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Reynolds, George and Goldsmith Fellow. Justin is very blessed to be married to Vanessa Fazio and they are proud parents to Rocco and Skye.



Reverend Liz Walker

Liz Walker is a minister, communications specialist and an activist who has traveled the world to promote cross cultural healing and interfaith dialogue.

After a 21 year career as an award-winning television news anchor on WBZ TV in Boston, Reverend Walker spent more than a decade traveling to East Africa where she co-founded "My Sister's Keeper" a humanitarian organization that in 2007 built a Girls school in the village of Akon, Sudan, the first of its kind in that region. On the first day of school, 1,000 girls enrolled. Despite persistent violence and political upheaval, the school continues to operate today.

Currently the Pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church, Reverend Walker now leads the Cory Johnson Program for Post Traumatic Healing (CJP), an innovative initiative that addresses the epidemic of community trauma in a low income African American neighborhood too often overrun by violence. Partnering with Boston Medical Center, the Cory Johnson Program works to increase community awareness of PTSD, improve access to mental health services, and empower families to develop coping skills.

In addition CJP has developed several trauma informed initiatives for young people and is currently working on a monthly 'Can We Talk' community conversation customized for teenagers. Since its inception in 2014, CJP has served more than 6,000 people and is in the process of replicating its 'Can We Talk' community conversations in 8 different locations around the country.

She helped found the Jane Doe Safety Fund, a multi-million dollar statewide anti-violence initiative that works on policy and supports domestic abuse shelters and safe houses around the Commonwealth.

Reverend Walker is co-chair of the KING Boston Project to create the city's proposed world class memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King and his wife Coretta Scott King. She also serves as a special consultant to the Boston Red Sox. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Reverend Walker is the recipient of honorary degrees from a number of New England educational institutions including University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth, Boston College, Simmons College, Salem State University and Bridgewater State University. She is the mother of three and grandmother of two.