



**Michael Tracy**  
**OMNI HR, Retired**  
**Chair, Government Affairs Committee**  
**Advancement Board Class of 2019**

Michael's career in human resource management spans 40 years. After several years working in HR roles with larger companies, Michael started OMNI Human Resource Management in 1998, where he built a fantastic team focused on supporting small to mid-size for profit and non-profit organizations on a local and national basis. Michael sold his interest in the company in 2022 and continues to be involved with the company on a part time basis. Michael remains active in the community and has enjoyed previous board leadership roles with such organizations as Jackson County CASA, the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, Overland Park Rotary Club, as well as his church and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. His hobbies include travel, volunteering, running, cooking, and being grandfather to eight wonderful grandkids.



**Debbie Wilkerson**  
**Greater Kansas City Community Foundation**  
**Advancement Board Class of 2018**

Debbie is president and CEO of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, a leading provider of charitable giving services. With an asset base of more than \$5 billion, the Community Foundation ranks among the top one percent of community foundations in the country, a position it has held since 1999. Debbie served in a variety of roles at the Community Foundation, including general counsel and COO, before assuming the role of president and CEO in 2012. Prior to joining the Community Foundation in 1998, Debbie was an attorney with the law firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon where she focused on tax and estate planning. She earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas.



**Sam Porritt**  
**Falling Forward Foundation**  
**Advancement Board Class of 2021**

Sam is the Founder and Chairman of Falling Forward Foundation. In August of 2011, Sam suffered a spinal cord injury that resulted from an accident while he was on vacation in Italy. Initially, Sam was paralyzed from the waist down. He went through two years of rehabilitation, including doing his inpatient rehab at The University of Kansas Health System. In 2012, Sam was inducted into The University of Kansas Health System Rehab Hall of Fame. During Sam's rehab journey, he learned that most health insurance plans do not cover extended rehabilitation that is necessary to recover from catastrophic injuries. Sam's policy was the exception. His health insurance placed no limit on rehabilitation. With the skill and support of many rehab professionals, Sam recovered. He's now able to walk with a cane, drive a car, and work part-time. In August of 2013, Sam launched Falling Forward Foundation to give other patients the same opportunity that he had – to continue medical rehabilitation and to recover to their full potential. Prior to his accident, Sam spent more than 25 years in marketing and advertising, building some of America's largest brands. While working for Payless ShoeSource, Sam's responsibilities included managing the company's Foundation and philanthropic activity. Sam earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.