



(New Orleans) – Longtime Board member and Dillard alumna Joyce Roché, '71, turned over the reigns of the Dillard University Board of Trustees to fellow alumnus Michael Jones, '82, effective May 9, 2014. Roché, who has served on the board for nearly 30 years and as chairperson since 2005, led the university through one of its most challenging decades in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Under her leadership, Dillard restored its campus facilities, including the construction of two new buildings - the Professional Schools and Sciences Building and a Student Union, Recreation, Health and Wellness Center.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve my alma mater and to lead its reconstruction efforts,” Roché said. “Even in the darkest hour, I never gave up hope that Dillard would be back stronger than ever,” she added. “We are forging forward and I am confident that the newly appointed chair will continue moving the University to higher levels,” Roché said.

Joyce Roché has been a trailblazer in the corporate world for 25 years, as Avon's first African-American female vice president; Chief Operating Officer of Carson Products Company, now part of L'Oreal; the former Chief Executive Officer of the national nonprofit Girls Incorporated; and a board member of five Fortune 500 companies.

Roché is the author of *The Empress Has No Clothes: Conquering Self-Doubt to Embrace Success* (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2013). In it she shares her life-long struggle with the impostor syndrome which can stifle one's achievements and continued success. Learn more at [www.empresshasnoclothes.com](http://www.empresshasnoclothes.com)

Dillard alumnus Michael D. Jones, '82, is a partner in the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis, LLP, in Washington, D.C. and has been a member of Dillard's Board of Trustees since 2006. He has a national trial practice that has ranged from New York to Hawaii. Jones serves as co-chair of the Board of Directors for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (LCCRUL) and is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been recognized by the Legal Times as a "Champion of Justice" and Georgetown University with the outstanding alumni award.

## ***Dillard names new Board Chair and Trustees...add one***

Jones graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985 where he also received the Thurgood Marshall Award. He received his B.A. from Dillard University, in New Orleans, LA, graduating summa cum laude. He is an adjunct professor of Trial Advocacy at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the University has recently appointed five new members to its Board of Trustees: Kim M. Boyle, partner with Phelps Dunbar, LLP; CNN Legal Analyst Sunny Hostin; Charles Rice, president and CEO - Entergy New Orleans, Inc.; Carol A. Solomon, CEO – Peoples Health; and Matthew M. Wisdom, director and CEO - Turbo Squid, Inc.

"I am very excited and humbled to be appointed as Chair of Dillard's Board," Jones said. "I welcome the opportunity to serve in this new capacity and I welcome these stellar individuals who are joining the board of trustees," he added. "With their appointment and the new

administration, it is a very exciting time at Dillard.”

Kim M. Boyle, partner with Phelps Dunbar, LLP; practice areas include labor and employment, civil rights, constitutional law, commercial, tort, and general litigation. Boyle earned a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law and a bachelor’s degree in teaching from Princeton University.

Sunny Hostin, CNN legal analyst, is an attorney and multi-platform journalist. As legal analyst for CNN’s “American Morning,” she is known for her detailed analysis of high-profile trials and legal issues. Hostin earned an undergraduate degree in Communications from Binghamton University and her juris doctorate from Notre Dame Law School.

Charles Rice is president and CEO - Entergy New Orleans, Inc., a \$750 million a year electric and gas utility. Rice holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Howard University, a juris doctorate from Loyola University’s School of Law and a master’s degree in business administration from Tulane University.

Carol A. Solomon, CEO – Peoples Health Network, has held leadership positions at other Louisiana-based healthcare organizations, serving as CEO for MedFirst Health Plans, and directing the development of a pilot managed care project at LSU Medical Center.

Matthew M. Wisdom, CEO, Director, and Chief Technology Officer of Turbo Squid, Inc.. He is also a founding partner and senior producer of 3Dvisual effects for Chimera Digital Imaging. Wisdom is a graduate of Brown University.

Other members of the Dillard University Board of Trustees include: Frank Mason, owner of FranGlo, Linden, NJ, who serves as vice chair of the board; Ronnie V. Burns, Sr., president and CEO-BMG Enterprises, New Orleans, LA, secretary; M. Cleland Powell, III, executive vice president, Iberiabank, New Orleans, LA, treasurer; Dr. Victoria H. Barbosa, dermatologist, Chicago, IL; The Honorable Ruth Carter, Detroit, MI; Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, United

Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, LA; Pamela Francois, Dillard University National Alumni Association, Gonzales, LA; Dathel C. Georges, New Orleans, LA; Orim Graves, CFA, executive director, National Association of Securities Professionals, Philadelphia, PA; Pres Kabacoff, president, Historic Restoration, Inc., New Orleans, LA; Dr. James E. Lyons, (retired) interim president (Dillard), Conyers, GA; and Walter M. Kimbrough, president-Dillard University.

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