

MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff
From: Lori Lewis, Vice Chancellor, Advancement
Date: September 14, 2017
Re: WCU Board of Visitors Nominees

As outlined in the Charter of the Board of Visitors, this candidate must be elected by the WCU Board of Trustees. Therefore, I present for consideration of the Administration, Governance, and Trusteeship Committee the following WCU Board of Visitors candidate:

For election Class of 2020:
Samantha Cabe '97

Below is a brief bio regarding the director candidate recommended for election: Samantha Cabe



Samantha was born in western North Carolina near Bryson City. She grew up on the Cherokee Indian Reservation where her grandparents operated Jenkins Grocery, one of the only grocery stores in the community for many years. She and her husband Drew are the proud parents of two young sons.

Upon graduation in 1997 from WCU with a degree in Business Administration and Law, she worked for a certified public accounting firm for two years before deciding to attend law school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill graduating in 2002.

Currently Samantha serves as the District Court Judge for Chatham and Orange counties. In addition she is the Chair of the Orange County Board of Adjustment, a member of the Board of Directors of Caramore Community, and a volunteer for Josh's Hope Foundation, Inc., conducting legal training for parents of teens with mental illness transitioning to adulthood.

Samantha's great-great grandfather, William C. Norton, was a member of WCU's Noble Nine. The Noble Nine supported Robert Lee Madison's dream of training teachers to spread educational opportunities throughout western North Carolina. Madison was about to leave in 1889 to take a job in Raleigh, but they pledged to devote their time and money to realization of his "Callowhee Idea." They were named trustees of the newly chartered Callowhee High School in 1891.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of the recommendation for election to the WCU Board of Visitors.