

Omosaze inc. *Board Members*

Leon Scott

Mr. Scott's volunteer experience includes 10 years of tutoring children in Cobb County public housing and serving on the Advisory Board for Cobb Family Resources, an organization that administered self-improvement plans for low-income families in Cobb County. Mr. Scott is now applying his skills full time to Omosaze.

A graduate of the Air Force Academy, Leon Scott served in the Air Force for six years before receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of Captain. With a Master of Science Degree from the University of Colorado, he has worked at managerial and director level positions with increasing levels of responsibility.

Jessica Wilkerson

Ms. Wilkerson is an Omosaze volunteer mentor and has been with the organization since 2001. She is a consultant with Kurt Salmon Associates Strategy Services Group, assisting clients in developing market and trade strategies, analyzing store operations, and understanding the effects of changing market trends. Prior work experience includes performing financial and operational analysis for media and telecommunications, business services outsourcing, and manufacturing clients.

Ms. Wilkerson holds a B.S. in Commerce from the University of Virginia and an M.B.A. from Goizueta Business School, Emory University.

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Ms. Scott has a special place in her heart for children. In addition to her work with Omosaze, she has administered church tutorial programs and is a volunteer with Camp Sunshine, an organization that provides recreational and educational programs for children with cancer and their families. She is a member of the Camp Sunshine Board of Directors.

Ms. Scott graduated from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and holds a M.B.A. from Kennesaw State University. She works with Hewlett Packard Company in Atlanta, Georgia, as an operations manager.



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Vanessa Sewell

Ms. Sewell has participated in and led a number of notable community activities, including Festival of Trees and Habitat for Humanity. She manages a premier location of the Target Stores in Atlanta, Georgia, where her experience is distinguished by recognition for her leadership and training skills. Ms. Sewell also serves as the Target Community Relations Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator for her district. Ms. Sewell received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama.

Dewain Carroll

Mr. Carroll is a Senior Network Consultant for Hewlett-Packard in Atlanta. He joined the Omosaze board in 2008. Mr. Carroll holds a B.S in Industrial and System Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, and has been licensed as a professional engineer in the state of Georgia.

Arnelle Barnett

Ms. Barnett is the Director of Marketing for Stonebranch, Inc., a developer of enterprise systems management software for the U.S. and European markets. She has held similar positions with OHC, LLC (dba Optimus Solutions and Canvas Systems) and City Press Publishing. Ms. Barnett is a high-caliber marketing and event management professional with more than 10 years experience in developing and leading marketing operations. Her expertise includes strategic business planning, training, development, and personnel management, and her professional focus is on pursuing opportunities that contribute to a company's profitability, organization, growth, and efficiency. Ms. Barnett holds a B.A. in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from the University of Kentucky.

Ms. Barnett joined the Omosaze board in 2008. She also serves on the Advisory Board and as Marketing Chair for the Make a Wish Foundation's Evening in Las Vegas, as a member of the Board for Friends of Centennial Park, as the Public Relations Chair for the American Red Cross's Rhapsody in Red fundraising event, and as Captain of the American Heart Association's Heart of the Season fundraising initiative.



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Nikki Canady Penda

Ms. Penda is the Director of HR Services for UCB, Inc., a multi-national biopharmaceutical company based in Belgium. She is responsible for managing benefits, payroll, and HR information systems related to the company's US-based employees. Ms. Penda has held previous benefits and consulting positions with Aon Consulting, Genuine Parts Company, Northern Trust Retirement Consulting, The Hunter Group, and Hewitt Associates.

Ms. Penda holds a B.A. in Economics and English from Amherst College and has obtained an International Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) designation from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

A passion for reading led Ms. Penda to begin volunteering with Omosaze in 2001, and she joined the Omosaze board in 2008.

EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Linda Shearon

Linda A. Shearon, Ed.D. is a specialist in literacy education. She has over thirty years experience as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, college instructor, staff developer, district administrator and education consultant. She has led numerous curriculum design committees in all K-12 content areas.

Dr. Shearon graduated from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, earned a Master of Education degree in Reading Specialization from Mercer University, and holds a Doctor of Education degree in Elementary Education and Reading Specialization from Auburn University.

