



**Board of Trustees**  
**In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service**  
**Trustee David E. Cleveland**

WHEREAS, Trustee David E. Cleveland was appointed to the University of West Florida Board of Trustees by the Florida State University System Board of Governors on July 23, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland eloquently served the Board of Trustees from 2011 – 2021 as Chair of the Finance, Facilities and Operations and the Presidential Performance, Evaluation and Metrics committees, Vice Chair and Board Chair, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland served on the University of West Florida Foundation Board of Directors for nine years as a steadfast and strong advocate for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland has served in an advisory role with the University of West Florida College of Business Executive Mentor Program and with the Global Hospitality and Tourism Management Degree; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland believes in giving back to his community and has held officer positions with the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Baptist Health Care and Gulf Breeze Hospital Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland graduated summa cum laude from Florida State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and received a Master of Business Administration and Finance Degree from the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland began his career in the hotel and hospitality industry in 1975 and has since excelled in all areas of operations and marketing by serving his customers in a variety of positions from bellhop to co-founder, owner and Senior Vice President of Highpointe Hotel Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Cleveland works hard and ‘plays’ hard; one might say he walks to the beat of his own drum - or drum set; this ‘Breezer’ has been known to bring down the house with his long-time bonded band of Loaded Goats!!; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his commitments to his profession, his community, and his friends, Trustee Cleveland believes serving in the roles as dedicated, loving and proud husband, father and father-in-law is his greatest accomplishment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of West Florida Board of Trustees, at its meeting on the 9th day of December, the year of 2021, does hereby recognize and commend Trustee Dave Cleveland for his many contributions to UWF, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be included in the minutes of the meeting and a copy will be presented to Trustee Cleveland as a token of the Board's appreciation and sincerest thanks.

**Suzanne Lewis**  
**Board of Trustees Chair**

**Martha D. Saunders**  
**President**