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Ms. McGoldrick is a three-time UMass parent—of Mary Jenkins ’07, Cecelia Jenkins ’09, and Elizabeth Jenkins ’12—and previously served on the UMass Parent and Family Council. Currently she is assistant vice president, public relations, for John Hancock in Boston, with 18 years’ experience in PR for the financial services/asset management industry. Prior to that she was a financial journalist, as a writer for Institutional Investor Magazine and also as a contributor to numerous financial publications. She holds a bachelor’s from Mount Holyoke College, and a master's in journalism and an MBA from Columbia University. A longtime resident of Acton, Massachusetts, she now resides in Boston. She joined the Commonwealth Honors College Advisory Board in 2016.

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Mr. Trovato graduated magna cum laude from UMass Amherst in 2005 with degrees in political science and journalism and as a member of Commonwealth Honors College. He played two seasons of professional ice hockey before joining Summit Partners in Boston and earning his MBA from Harvard Business School in 2012. He is currently a managing director of Copley Equity Partners and serves as chairman of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, a charitable trust he founded in 2004 while a student at UMass. The Fund provides education-focused grants to the children of fallen US service members. He has served as a member of the CHC Advisory Board since 2008.

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