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## **Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr. Elected a Trustee of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation**



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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (May 30, 2018) – The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board of trustees has elected Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., Co-founder and Co-CEO of The St. James, to serve as a trustee of the Foundation.

Ashton leads the Washington, D.C.-based The St. James, which develops and operates premium, large-scale sports, wellness and active entertainment destinations nationally and serves as an adjunct professor of law at the George Mason University School of Law in Arlington. An alumnus of the College of William & Mary, Ashton was previously a founding member, chief operating officer and managing director of boutique financial services firm Perella Weinberg Partners.

“Kendrick’s close ties to Williamsburg date to his time as an undergraduate at William & Mary, and since then he’s emerged as a leader both in business and in service to the community,” said Henry C. Wolf, chairman of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board of trustees. “We’re obviously thrilled that he will help lead Colonial Williamsburg as it adapts to engage and inspire new audiences.”

Ashton previously served as an associate in the investment banking group of global financial services firm Goldman, Sachs & Co. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School and his Master of Business Administration from its Booth School of Business.

“Colonial Williamsburg and its mission to share America’s enduring story are as relevant and critical as ever,” said Mitchell B. Reiss, president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. “Kendrick’s leadership and insight will be of enormous value as we strengthen the institution’s financial health and welcome the new generations of neighbors and guests.”

Ashton serves on the boards of the National Urban League, the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Anacostia Waterfront Trust. He served from 2012 to 2016 as a member of the William & Mary Board of Visitors. As an undergraduate he earned four varsity letters in football and was honored as an all-conference cornerback.

“Colonial Williamsburg is so much more than many people realize. It is a living history museum, but more importantly it is a rare place where the most complex issues in our society are discussed civilly, face-to-face,” Ashton said. “I look forward to working with my fellow board members and the Foundation’s leadership to welcome more people into that conversation.”

The other members of the Colonial Williamsburg board are Frank Batten Jr., chairman, president and CEO of Landmark Media Enterprises LLC and Dominion Enterprises Inc.; Catharine O’Neill Broderick, former trustee, Rockefeller Brothers Fund; Mark A. Coblitz, senior vice president, retired, Comcast Corp.; Thomas F. Farrell II, chairman, president and CEO, Dominion Energy Inc.; Carly Fiorina, former CEO, Hewlett-Packard; Conrad Hall, president and CEO, retired, Dominion Enterprises; Antonia Hernández, president and CEO, California Community Foundation; Jo Ann Jenkins, CEO, AARP; Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court; Mark J. Kington, managing member, Kington Management LLC; John A. Luke Jr., chairman, WestRock Company; Leslie A. Miller, principal, Leslie A. Miller Esq., LLC; Cynthia H. Milligan, dean emeritus, University of Nebraska, and president, Wood Stieper Capital Group; Joseph W. Montgomery, managing director, the Optimal Service Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; Thurston R. Moore, partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP; Thomas K. Norment Jr., Virginia state senator and counsel, Kaufman & Canoles; Reiss; Gerald L. Shaheen, retired group president, Caterpillar, Inc.; Joseph Christopher Simmons, managing partner, retired, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; Sheldon M. Stone, principal and portfolio manager, Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.; and Y. Ping Sun, university representative, Rice University.

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