

2018 TRS Board of Control Election Candidate Biographies

Mr. Ricky Whaley, the incumbent, has served as an RSA board member for the past 10 years and was unanimously re-elected as vice chair this year. He was born and raised in Lineville and graduated from Lineville High School. He received his B.S. from Auburn University, and M.S. and A.A. degrees from Alabama A&M, all in Agribusiness Education. Mr. Whaley received an Educational Administration Certification from Jacksonville State University. He has taught Agribusiness Education at Jacksonville High School for the past 33 years. He was selected as the Jacksonville City Schools Teacher of the Year in 1990 and 1995, and served 7 terms as JEA President. He is a member of the AACTE and has served as the Alabama Agribusiness Teachers Association State President one term. He was selected as the National Outstanding Young Agriculture Teacher, Region V in 1990, National Outstanding Agriculture Teacher, Region V in 1993, and National Outstanding Agriculture Program, Region V in 1994. Mr. Whaley is a member of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) and the Southern Conference on Teacher Retirement (SCTR). He is married to Missia Boozer Whaley (a retired public school teacher), and they have 3 sons: Jack, Nathan, and John Ross.

Mr. Greg Martin currently teaches business and technology courses at Madison County High School where he has worked for twelve years. Prior to teaching, Mr. Martin worked for many years as a corporate attorney and civil litigator in North Alabama. As an attorney, Mr. Martin advised companies on policies, contracts, human resources, and corporate governance. Mr. Martin also worked with municipal and other governmental bodies, advising them on ordinances and regulations, the Alabama Open Meetings Act, employee due process rights, and ethics. As a member of the board of directors of several nonprofit and charitable organizations, Mr. Martin is well-versed in budgeting, planning, and oversight. As an employee of Madison County Schools, Mr. Martin has served on the Strategic Planning Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee. He has been selected twice as the Teacher of the Year for his school. Mr. Martin graduated cum laude from Huntingdon College with a B.A. in Business Administration and from the University of Alabama School of Law, cum laude, with a J.D. degree.