



## CLASS OF 2021

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### Donna Callaway

Donna Callaway has been involved in all levels of education all of her life. Receiving BS, MS and ED Specialist degrees from Florida State University prepared her for her career in education, where she served as classroom teacher, media specialist, and assistant principal in addition to her long service at Raa Middle School as principal. She served in that role from 1994 to 2004 and again from 2008 to 2013. Her service as principal was interrupted by her appointment by Gov. Jeb Bush to the State Board of Education.

At the end of that appointment, she returned to Raa. She was then tapped again by Governor Bush to serve on TCC Board of Trustees. While her tenure on the Board recently came to an end in August of 2021,

Donna remained very involved at TCC, seeking opportunities for student success in education.

Donna has been extensively involved in the community, finding ways to connect others—especially young people—with music, which she believes can bring success. She has served and is currently serving as a board member or president of the FSU Music Associates, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, and the Tallahassee Symphony Society which is the fundraising arm of the TSO. Concrete examples of the belief in the power of music include grant writing with the FSU College of Music at Raa, which tracked the difference made in the lives of challenged students when music became involved.

Donna and her husband Jimmie made a lasting mark at Florida State University between the two music buildings when they funded an elegant Callaway Courtyard. It contains a statement of their belief: "Music has the power to change lives and thereby change the world." Donna continues to mentor former Raa students, advocate for music, and teach two Bible studies for Senior Adults.