

Meet the 2023 Trustee Nominees

Tony Ciocca* is the Managing Director of a national investment consulting practice focused on and dedicated to serving clients' needs as an objective single-source provider of institutional investment consulting services. Tony has shown a commitment throughout his career to helping companies get the most out of their retirement plans. Tony has a bachelor's degree in political science from Duquesne University. Tony has been involved with the Connecticut Community Foundation since 2018 and has coached youth sports. Tony lives in Middlebury with his wife Lori, and has two sons, Samuel and Benjamin.



Jessica Ocasio* is a native of Waterbury and serves as an elementary school principal in Waterbury. Jessica is also the Executive President of the nonprofit Rivera Memorial Foundation, named after her father, Firefighter Eddie Rivera. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of Annabella's Angels, a Waterbury-based non-profit that strives to provide support, and raise awareness and education for pregnancy and infant loss families and medical professionals. Jessica is a member of the Waterbury Public School District Equity Leadership Team, CT Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, and the Greater Waterbury Puerto Rican Day Parade and Festival Organization. Jessica obtained her bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education and General Psychology, and Master of Science in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University, a 6th Year Certificate of Advance Studies in Educational Leadership and will soon be defending her doctoral dissertation to obtain her Doctor of Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport.

Christopher Rempfer* is a resident of Southbury and is Professor of English at CT State Community College/Naugatuck Valley in Waterbury where he is Department Chair. Chris serves on the Board of Directors of the Southbury Public Library and also on the Board of Equality Connecticut. At the Foundation, he is on the Advisory Board for the Pride in the Hills Fund and serves on the Building Equitable Opportunity grant committee. A former professional actor, Chris also serves on the Board of Directors of the Palace Theater in Waterbury. Chris holds a bachelor's degree in English and Economics and a Master of Fine Arts in English and Creative Writing.

