

1. Debby Haralson

Debby Haralson, Director of Community Engagement, exemplifies a deep commitment to Samford's mission of fostering meaningful connections between the university and its surrounding community. With over 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector, she channels her expertise into building partnerships that align with Samford's goals, ensuring that the university is an example of hope and opportunity for the broader community. Debby is a model of vocational excellence, demonstrating how passion and professionalism can converge to make a difference. Debby's leadership in community engagement highlights her commitment to bridging the gap between civic needs and university resources. Debby approaches every project with a clear sense of fairness and the goal of creating opportunities for all, whether it's students, faculty/staff, or Samford parents. Debby leads by example in her stewardship of the university's resources and her personal dedication to the mission of community engagement. Her thoughtful approach to decision-making ensures that the programs she oversees are impactful, sustainable, and aligned with Samford's values. Debby's leadership is an inspiring reminder of how these values can be lived out daily to create a lasting impact.

2. Michael Morgan

Michael Morgan has served Samford University for over 20 years. He has served in positions like vice president for advancement, assistant to the president, and now chief of staff in the office of the president. Dr. Morgan loves Samford and is a wealth of knowledge on institutional history. Dr. Morgan led Samford's \$53 million Promise for All Generations Campaign under President Corts, and he has supervised many important university initiatives including two presidential searches, hundreds of philanthropic gifts to Samford, and now organizes all events and programs coming from the president's office, including opening convocations, commencements, various worship services, and other important events. Dr. Morgan serves as president of the Homewood Chamber of Commerce and stewards Samford's very important strategic relationship with the City of Homewood. He also leads by example as he supervises all president's office functions to ensure that each Samford employee and student are seen for their enormous value and important role in the university's educational mission.

3. Sheri Ransome

Sheri serves as Development Officer for the Orlean Beeson School of Education and has served Samford for 18 years. She always works to encourage those around her. She sees their gifts and talents and believes they are given by our Lord Jesus, and she seeks to affirm those gifts in others. She sees her work at Samford University as Kingdom work and often uses that phrase with the donors and alumni who she works closely with. She works diligently to connect with our donors and perceive their philanthropic priorities. She has unselfishly walked a donor over to another school because she knew their passion to support Samford was best aligned with another area. Sheri strives to be donor centric and Samford first - above her own personal recognition. She truly loves our Samford Mission. She is a true partner to her colleagues, helping with School event details is never beneath her. She will move tables and do whatever is needed to make the events successful. She truly loves the Lord and seeks to honor Him in her daily life and work at Samford University.