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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 201 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved October 26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; Pub. L. 93-471; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Joshua Wyner  
3316 Rowland Place N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(Ward 3)

for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, for a term to end May 15, 2024.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the reappointment of Joshua Wyner to the Board of Trustees of the University of the  
District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia  
Joshua Wyner Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Mr. Joshua Wyner  
3316 Rowland Place N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(Ward 3)

as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, pursuant to  
section 201 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved October  
26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), for a term to end May 15, 2024.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Joshua S. Wyner

## Experience

- ***Vice President, The Aspen Institute***  
***Founder and Executive Director, College Excellence Program Wash., DC 2011 –present***
  - Develop and lead new higher education programs for the Aspen Institute, including:
    - Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, which recognizes community colleges with outstanding student outcomes and stimulates campus innovations that improve student success.
    - New College Leadership Project, which seeks to recruit and train a new generation of college presidents capable of leading dramatic improvements in student success.
  - Speak, publish, and advise college and policy leaders on higher education practice and policy.
  
- ***Senior Advisor, America Achieves, Washington, DC*** **2010**
  - Worked closely with network of 10 states to craft policies and practices aimed at increasing K-12 success and college graduation rates; advised Delaware on Race to the Top implementation.
  - Led efforts to develop policy positions and knowledge dissemination; designed programs for states in areas of college access, college success and program evaluation.
  
- ***Senior Vice President, Complete College America, Washington, DC*** **2009 – 2010**
  - Member of executive start-up team for national organization working with states to adopt policies and practices aimed at increasing college graduation rates.
  - Led partnerships with non-profit, policy, and business organizations; drafted core policy documents; represented organization before senior policy makers and foundation officers.
  
- ***Executive Vice President (2007-2008); Vice President, Programs (2001-2006)***  
***Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Lansdowne, VA*** **2001 – 2008**
  - Served as chief architect of programs promoting educational equity and excellence for national education foundation with \$700 million endowment and \$35 million annual budget.
  - Envisioned and implemented strategies to increase educational opportunities for high-achieving low-income and minority students, including innovative scholarship programs, national grant-making initiatives, and focused research and advocacy projects.
  - Accomplishments include scaling National College Advising Corps; increasing national focus on exceptional disadvantaged students; and establishing award-winning scholarship programs.
  
- ***Executive Director, DC Appleseed Center, Washington, DC*** **1995 – 2001**
  - Initial CEO of nonprofit advocacy and research organization promoting effective and equitable government policies and practices.
  - Established organization as preeminent local government reform nonprofit in Washington area.
  - Accomplishments included transferring \$5 billion unfunded pension liability from DC to the federal government, altering structure of school board, and creating state education agency.
  
- ***Attorney, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., Washington, DC*** **1993 – 1995**
- ***Evaluator, US Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC*** **1987 – 1990**
- ***Organizer, Legislative Assistant, Citizen Action, Washington, DC*** **1984 – 1986**

## Education

- ***Juris Doctor (cum laude), New York University, 1993***
- ***Master of Public Administration, Syracuse University, Maxwell School, 1987***
- ***Bachelor of Arts, History, Vassar College, 1984***

## Activities, Honors, and Affiliations

### *Fellowships/Leadership Programs*

- **American Council of Education, Fellow, 2007-08**
  - Residential program for 35 fellows annually who aspire to college leadership positions.
  - Spent 80% of time over full academic year working with college leaders on two campuses on multiple projects, with a focus on increasing equity in admissions and student outcomes.
  - Sites: College of William & Mary; Northern Virginia Community College.
- **German Marshall Fund of the United States, Marshall Memorial Fellow, 2001**
  - International exchange program for 18 rising American leaders.
  - Met with political, civic and cultural leaders in five European cities, with a focus on comparative approaches to education and urban issues.
  - Sites: Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Budapest, and Madrid
- **Leadership Washington, 2000**
  - Year-long program for 50 regional leaders to explore range of issues including education, urban development, criminal justice, and business/jobs creation.
  - Fellow class members included top federal officials, legislators, business CEOs and non-profit leaders.

### *Boards (professional and community)*

- Board of Trustees, University of the District of Columbia, 2014 – present
- DC Appleseed Center, 2012 – present.
- Equal Opportunity Schools, 2011 – present.
- National College Advising Corps, Advisory Board, 2008 – present.
- Grantmakers for Education, 2007-2008.
- Next Generation Venture Fund, Goldman Sachs Foundation, 2005 – 2009.
- National Scholarship Providers' Association, 2005 – 2008.
- DC Vote, 1999-2004 (founding Board member).
- DC Fiscal Policy Initiative, Steering Committee, 2000 – 2005

### *Professional*

- Admitted to District of Columbia Bar, 1994 – present.

## Publications

### *Publications*

- Book: “*What Excellent Community Colleges Do: Preparing All Students for Success*,” 2014 Harvard Education Press.
- Lead author of “Achievement Trap: How America Is Failing Millions of Students from Lower-Income Families,” 2007 ([http://www.jkcf.org/assets/files/0000/0084/Achievement\\_Trap.pdf](http://www.jkcf.org/assets/files/0000/0084/Achievement_Trap.pdf)).
- Authored dozens of published articles, op-eds and blogs in national and regional publications about higher education, 2002-2013, including blogs and op-eds in *The New York Times*, *the Washington Post* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education Review*.
- Lead author of eight reports on DC government programs and finances, 1996-2001 (titles and text available at <http://www.dcappleseed.org/projects/pastprojects.cfm>).
- Authored numerous op-eds about DC affairs in *Washington Post*, *The National Voter*, and the *Washington Business Journal*, 1996-2001.
- Authored published articles and reports about legal issues in the *National Law Journal* and other national legal publications.



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## Joshua Wyner



Mr. Joshua Wyner is the Vice President and Executive Director of the College Excellence Program at the Aspen Institute, which aims to strengthen practice and develop leadership that substantially improves college student success. Started in early 2011, the Program's first two initiatives are the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, which strives to reward and shine a spotlight on community colleges that deliver exceptional student results and stimulate replication of successful campus practices and the New College Leadership Project, which works to strengthen efforts to recruit and professionally develop college presidents who are driven by – and are capable of – substantially improving student success. Mr. Wyner has served on the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia since 2014.

Mr. Wyner has spent the past two decades as a nonprofit leader, initiating organizations aimed at improving educational outcomes and urban policy. From 2001-2009, Mr. Wyner led the design and implementation of such programs as Executive Vice President of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. There, Mr. Wyner established national scholarship and grant-making programs for – and conducted original research about – high-achieving low-income students from elementary through graduate school. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Wyner was the founding Executive Director of the DC Appleseed Center, which analyzes and actively seeks to resolve problems affecting the daily lives of those who live and work in the Washington, DC, area. During his tenure, DC Appleseed led successful efforts to resolve DC's \$5 billion unfunded pension liability and alter the structure of the DC Board of Education. Mr. Wyner spent his early career as an organizer and policy analyst with Citizen Action, as a program evaluator at the US Government Accountability Office, and an attorney with Beveridge & Diamond.

Mr. Wyner has authored numerous reports, op-eds, and other publications about education and urban policy, including a 2014 book, *What Excellent Community Colleges Do: Preparing All Students for Success* (Harvard Education Press).

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Wyner received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Vassar College, a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Gianelle Rivera, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** November 11, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Jerome Shelton, Dr. Esther Barazzone, and Joshua Wyner to the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia.

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

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Elizabeth Cavendish