

Barry D. Blanton Chairman of the Board



Barry D. Blanton is owner and founder of Blanton Advisors, LLC, a CFO consulting practice based in The Woodlands, Texas. Blanton is an accomplished financial and operational executive with a successful 36 year career in the banking, housing, wholesale distribution, and CFO consulting industries. He is a practical financial executive with true desire to help business owners better understand their business from a financial perspective. As a result, Blanton Advisors is built on the core focus of empowering entrepreneurs.

Blanton is a 2010 recipient of The Woodlands Hometown Hero award and 2017 recipient of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award. He was also recognized as the 2019 Leadership Montgomery County Distinguished Alumnus. He is actively involved with the Light the Night Walk The Woodlands, benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Blanton serves as Chairman of the Board of Leadership Montgomery County and serves on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Central Appraisal District. He is a past chairman of the Montgomery County United Way and past chairman of both the Conroe and South Montgomery County YMCAs. He is a 1982 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and a 1987 graduate of Leadership Conroe. Blanton and his wife, Fran have resided in The Woodlands for more than 20 years.

Sarah Rhea Executive Director



Sarah Rhea is the Executive Director of Leadership Montgomery County (LMC). She is a graduate of the LMC Class of 2007 and served on the Board of Directors prior to joining LMC as Executive Director in 2011.

Sarah is actively involved in the community. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce and is a past recipient of the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year award.

She also serves as President of the Board of the Executive Women's Alliance and as a mentor for their Women of Vision mentoring program at Conroe High School. Sarah also serves on the ATHENA Leadership Award committee at the Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce and on the United Way Women Who Rock committee. She is active in the Association of Leadership Programs, serving as a Pacesetter member, an Ambassador for Texas, and on the National Conference Planning Team. Sarah also serves on her youngest son's elementary school PTA board as a vice president and is actively involved in her church.

Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in Communication Arts: Advertising & Public Relations from Kentucky Wesleyan College and her master's degree in Mass Communication from Southwest Texas State University.

Sarah and her husband Mitch, a Houston firefighter, live in Woodforest with their two sons.